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For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

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DEDICATION

Our Thanks to Volunteers

Quite often folks are unaware
And do not have a clue
Right here in this community
How much that others do.
To keep things running smoothly
And lend a helping hand
Or volunteer their services
And gladly take command.
Of situations that exist
With aid from certain ones
Who get involved extensively
To raise the needed funds.
And now, as a gracious tribute
Ann Green has asked me to
Write words of appreciation
To everyone of you;
Who have generously responded
To each plea and remain
Most sincere and dedicated
To gladly serve, again.
Tho there's little space to mention
The things you all have done,
I am sure your acts of kindness
Are shown to everyone;
Who need financial assistance
Or merely "stub a toe" . . .
No matter what the circumstance
It's always nice to know
Someone is prepared and ready
To help in any way
If one simply gets in touch
Regardless, night or day.
And to all who have created
Special projects, and such
For the School or Libraries
That provide and mean so much
To the children and grown-ups
There's a voice of applause
For the diligent endeavors
To support this vital cause.
And, somehow, the lovely flowers
That are planted every Spring
Around the Town greatly enhance
The beauty that they bring.

While many have enjoyed
The fine Historical talks
And gladly participated
On annual outdoor walks.
And when heat and humidity
Are present in full swing
Firemen hold a Flea Market
To raise funds for everything.
For financial help that's needed
While the "Lions" try to tend
To Life Lines and emergencies
And at Christmas always send
Food Baskets to the elderly
Or those who need a "lift"
And enjoy the added pleasure
Of such a heartfelt gift.
While transportation furnished
Once a week to Senior meals
Or to "shut-ins" delivered
Is a blessing on "wheels."
The young "frys" are delighted
Each Halloween to spend
An evening at the Haunted House,
A treat the Masons tend.
And youngsters watch and wait
For mittens to appear
That Eastern Star has kindly knit
For them year after year.
And may all Committee members
Who give support and care
For Orford Parks and Playgrounds
And swimming lessons, share
With towns in the vicinity
Find praise that's overdue
And receive a royal thank you
That you are entitled to.
And so, with heartfelt gratitude
The Town folks wish to say
Thank God for volunteers who give
Such service without pay!

2005 – by Dorothy B. Pierson
Orford Resident

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TOWN DIRECTORY
www.orfordnh.us
orfordselectmen@joimail.com

SELECTBOARD MEETING

Every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Office, 2529 Gov. Meldrim Thomson Scenic Highway (Route 25A), Orford, NH.

SELECTBOARD OFFICE

Phone & Fax: 353-4889

Mary Greene, Administrative Assistant

Office Hours: Monday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

 Wednesday 1:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Selectboard Office is in the Town Office.

TOWN CLERK 353-4404

Louise Mack, Town Clerk

Office Hours: Tuesday 2:00 – 7:00 p.m.

 Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

 Thursday 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Town Clerk's Office is in the Town Office.

TAX COLLECTOR 353-4831

Louise Mack, Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Office is in her home at 59 Archertown Road.

POLICE DEPARTMENT Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Steven Calderwood, Police Chief **353-4252** (office)

Todd Gray, Police Officer

FIRE DEPARTMENT Call 9-1-1 for emergencies

Arthur Dennis, Fire Chief

ANIMAL CONTROL 353-4252 or 353-4889

Roy Daisey, Officer

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 353-9366

Charles Waterbury, Road Agent

PLANNING BOARD MEETING

The Planning Board meets every third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office.

FREE LIBRARY Laurel Fulford, Librarian **353-9166**

Tuesday and Friday 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 9 – 11:30 a.m.; Sunday 2 – 5 p.m.

SOCIAL LIBRARY Sarah Putnam, Librarian **353-9756**

Monday 3 – 7 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Thursday 3 – 7 p.m.;

Friday 2 – 5 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS

Elected by nonpartisan ballot on Town Meeting Day

MODERATOR

Peter Thomson	353-4111	2006	2-Year Term
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SELECTBOARD

David Bischoff, Chairman	353-9818	2005	3-Year Term
Ann Green	353-4150	2007	3-Year Term
Gerald Pease	353-9070	2006	3-Year Term

(Gerald Pease resigned 9/30/04. Paul Carriero fulfilled his term to Town Meeting 3/8/2005.)

TREASURER

Carl Cassel	353-4434	2007	3-Year Term
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Jane Hebb	353-4496	2008	6-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2006	6-Year Term
Brenda Smith	353-8114	2005	6-Year Term

TAX COLLECTOR

Louise Mack	353-4831	2005	3-Year Term
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TOWN CLERK

Louise Mack	353-4404	2005	3-Year Term
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ROAD AGENT

Charles Waterbury	353-9366	2006	3-Year Term
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PLANNING BOARD

Paul Dalton, Chairman	353-9844	2007	3-Year Term
Elizabeth Bischoff, Vice-Chair	353-4526	2006	3-Year Term
David Coker	353-4104	2006	3-Year Term
Ruth Cserr	353-4257	2007	3-Year Term
Sam Hanford	353-9678	2005	3-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2005	3-Year Term
David Bischoff	353-9818		Ex Officio

Nominated and Elected from the floor on Town Meeting Day

OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Selectboard	353-4889	2005	1-Year Term
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FENCE VIEWERS

Mark Marsh	353-9007	2005	1-Year Term
H. Horton Washburn	353-4570	2005	1-Year Term

ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

HEALTH OFFICER

Selectboard	353-4889	2005	1-Year Term
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SEXTON

Cemetery Commission		2005	1-Year Term
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BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James Hook	353-4834	2005	1-Year Term
Robert Palifka	353-9367	2005	1-Year Term
Andrew Schwaegler	272-9202	2005	1-Year Term
Tom Steketee	353-4425	2005	1-Year Term
Herbert Verry	353-9450	2005	1-Year Term

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Carol Boynton	353-4874	2006	3-Year Term
Susan Kling	353-9166	2005	3-Year Term
Christie Manning	353-9343	2007	3-Year Term

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY

Ann Davis	353-9725	2007	3-Year Term
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FIRE WARDS

Arthur Dennis	353-4502	2005	1-Year Term
James Hook	353-4834	2005	1-Year Term
Larry Taylor	353-9865	2005	1-Year Term

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Ranson Perry, Chairman	353-4793	2005	3-Year Term
Brad McCormack	353-4469	2006	3-Year Term
John O'Brien	353-9857	2006	3-Year Term
Tim Ruff	353-9722	2006	3-Year Term
Nate Tullar	353-4263	2007	3-Year Term

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Mark Blanchard	353-9873	2005	3-Year Term
Stuart Corpiari	353-4229	2007	3-Year Term
Joe Davis	353-9725	2006	3-Year Term

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Ruth Brown	353-9092	2006	3-Year Term
Julia Fifield	353-4881	2007	3-Year Term
Paul Messer	353-4883	2005	3-Year Term

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen

AUDITOR

Plodzik & Sanderson, Accountants & Auditors

ORFORD TOWN OFFICERS (continued)

FIRE CHIEF

Arthur Dennis	353-4502	2005	1-Year Term
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POLICE CHIEF

Steven Calderwood	353-4252	2005	1-Year Term
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Paul Carreiro	353-9993	2005	1-Year Term
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ANIMAL CONTROL

Roy Daisey	353-9534	2007	3-Year Term
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INSPECTORS OF ELECTION

Elizabeth Bischoff	353-4526	2006	2-Year Term
Elizabeth Blauvelt	353-4115	2006	2-Year Term
Betty Messer	353-4883	2006	2-Year Term
Judith Parker	353-4882	2006	2-Year Term
Ruth Brown	353-9092		Alternate
Laura Verry	353-9450		Alternate

NILES FUND COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Bischoff	353-4526	2005	1-Year Term
David Coker	353-4104	2005	1-Year Term
David Green	353-4160	2005	1-Year Term
Tara Mitchell	353-9012	2005	1-Year Term
Ann Green	353-4150		Ex Officio

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Bry Beeson, Chairman	353-4311	2005	3-Year Term
Tom Bubolz	353-4303	2007	3-Year Term
Emily Bryant	353-9033	2005	3-Year Term
William McKee	353-4520	2005	3-Year Term
Sarah Schwaegler	272-4817	2006	3-Year Term
Thomas Thomson	353-4488	2006	3-Year Term
Charles Waterbury	353-9366	2005	3-Year Term
Robb Day	353-4140		Alternate
Sally Tomlinson	353-4592		Alternate

TREE WARDEN

Charles Waterbury	353-9366	2005	1-Year Term
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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR FLOOD PLAINS

Emily Bryant	353-9033	2005	3-Year Term
Paul Messer	353-4883	2005	3-Year Term
Taylor Soper	353-9972	2005	3-Year Term
Rendell Tullar	353-4860	2005	3-Year Term
Shawn Washburn	353-4207	2005	3-Year Term

TOWN OF ORFORD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 9, 2004

GRAFTON, ss.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The polls were opened at 4:00 p.m. The ballots were counted (555) and the voting began for the Town Officers on the Australian Ballot.

The Annual Town Meeting for the Town of Orford was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Moderator Peter M. Thomson led the assembly in the Salute to the Flag. He announced that there were refreshments on sale for the benefit of the American Cancer Society, and Inventory Blanks must be turned in by April 15th to avoid penalty charges. There will be a Rabies Clinic with Fairlee at the Fairlee Fire Station tomorrow night March 10th between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. This is with the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic. If you haven't already done so, don't forget all dogs need to be licensed by April 30th. The new telephone book is at the back of the hall and to please confirm that your name and telephone number are correct. Also, there is a beautiful quilt in the back and, if you haven't already done so, this will be your last chance to buy a ticket for it. The winning ticket will be drawn sometime around 9 o'clock tonight. Once again it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you, for those who don't already know them, the two oldest women in Town. The first is Julia Fifield who is 98 years old. I happened to be at the office of the Director of Motor Vehicles, with whom Julia is a very good friend, and found that Julia is one of five or six people who is still driving at the age of 98. The next is Theda Pease, a neighbor of mine. In case you didn't get to see the *Valley News* on February 28th, Theda is the recipient of the Grange Golden Cane. She is a little upset that the paper said she lives in Orfordville, as she lives in East Orford. She wants you to know that the cane is here for looks only; she doesn't need it. She has another one at home. David Bischoff had several people in Town whom he felt we should recognize for their years of service. John Richardson has served the Town for seven years as a volunteer Police Officer. David Thomson has served on the Parks and Playgrounds Committee since 1988. Quentin Mack has served as Selectman for six years. Bill McKee works hard behind the scenes, picking up the Town Reports at the printer, labeling them, and getting them to the Post Office. He also mentioned that the Town received a gift of about 11 acres of land on Route 10 on the Connecticut River from Hilda Richmond in memory of her husband Gould, who was Postmaster in our Town for many years.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Carl Cassel to dispense with the reading of the Warrant and it was passed with a voice vote in affirmation.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers.
Officers elected from the floor:

For one year: **Overseers of Public Welfare**

Board of Selectmen

For one year: **Fence Viewers**

Mark Marsh
H. Horton Washburn

For one year:	Health Officer	Board of Selectmen
For one year:	Sexton	Cemetery Commission
For one year:	Budget Advisory Committee	James Hook Robert Palifka Andrew Schwaegler Thomas Steketee Herbert Verry
For three years:	Orford Free Library Trustee	Christie Manning
For three years:	Orford Social Library Trustee	Ann Davis
For one year:	Fire Wards	Arthur Dennis James Hook Larry Taylor
For three years:	Parks and Playgrounds	Nathan Tullar
For three years:	Trustee of Trust Funds	Stuart Corpieri
For three years:	Cemetery Commission	Joe Arcolio

After this position was elected Paul Messer mentioned that Julia Fifield has served on this Commission since 1977.

ARTICLE 2:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred and fifty-seven thousand four hundred and forty-three dollars (\$757,443) for general municipal operations.

General Government

Executive	\$ 51,146.
Election	21,849.
Financial Administration	41,349.
Revaluation of Property	5,600.
Legal Expenses	9,500.
Personnel Administration	48,871.
Planning Board	6,700.
General Government Buildings	17,072.
Cemeteries	12,993.
Insurance	15,073.
Regional Association	1,047.
Contingency Fund	3,000.

Public Safety

Police	\$ 66,170.
Ambulance	16,365.
Fire Department	20,165.
Emergency Management	750.

Highways and Bridges

Highways	\$253,331.
Bridges	6,000.
Street Lights	4,700.

Sanitation

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 750.
Solid Waste Disposal	38,200.

Health

Animal Control	\$ 7,062.
Health Agency	6,060.

Welfare

Direct Assistance	\$ 4,500.
Intergovernmental Welfare	2,950.

Culture and Recreation

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 23,233.
Libraries	26,199.
Patriotic Purposes	125.

Conservation

Other Conservation	\$ 1,600.
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Debt Service

Principal — Long Term Bonds	\$ 28,310.
Interest — Long Term Bonds	3,682.

Improvements Other Than Buildings

Microfilming of Town	
Historical Records	\$ 300.
Restoration of Town	
Historical Records	2,700.
Hazardous Waste	1,091.
Fire Department Radios	1,500.
Maintenance for Community Field	7,500.

A motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Quentin Mack. After a short explanation of the changes from last year, a voice vote in the affirmative was taken.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 3:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and eleven thousand five hundred dollars (\$111,500) for payments into the following capital reserve funds as follows:

Bridges & Roads CRF (1989)	\$ 10,000.
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	20,000.
Grader CRF (1989)	8,000.
Heavy Equipment Maintenance (2003)	2,500.
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1983)	25,000.
Loader CRF (1983)	7,000.

Police Cruiser CRF (1978)	8,000.
Reappraisal CRF (1987)	20,000.
Tax Maps CRF (2002)	5,000.
Tractor/Mower (P&P) CRF (1992)	6,000.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Quentin Mack. A voice vote in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 4:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to purchase 8.0 acres (008-108R-061) which will allow the town to enter into a co-op with New Hampshire Fish and Game to rebuild the unrestricted public access which will reduce erosion and other environmental damage and will enable us to meet state standards for the boat launch on the Connecticut River. This project to be funded from unreserved fund balance, with no money coming from new taxes. (Note: The Town has submitted a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application to receive 50% up to \$100,000 reimbursements.)

The motion was made by Quentin Mack and seconded by David Bischoff.

After a long discussion, Ruth Cserr amended this article seconded by Gale Thomson to see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred and eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) to purchase 8.0 acres (008-108R-061). Further, upon the purchase of the property, the Town will determine, with public and neighbor input, the future use of that land. It is the understanding that these funds would come from the unreserved fund balance with no new taxes.

The amended motion was again amended by Caroline Dole and seconded by Meredith Harwood that any decision as to use of this land should be at the majority vote of the town. Then Peter Dooley moved the question and a vote was taken on the amendment to the amendment. The result of the hand vote was 70 yes and 93 not. The amendment to the amendment was defeated. We then voted on the amended article. We had a hand vote of 146 yes and 10 no.

The amendment to the article was passed.

The ballot box was closed at 9:15 p.m. and the Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks proceeded to count the ballots for the elected Town Officers.

Theda Pease drew the winning ticket for the quilt that the Orford Free Library was raffling off. Sheila Perry was the lucky winner.

ARTICLE 5:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars (\$115,000) for the purchase of a new 2005 dump truck (including an extended warranty for \$2,400) to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of up to ninety-five thousand dollars (\$95,000) from the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund to be expended for this purpose and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the current 1997 L8000 dump truck for twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) and apply the net proceeds for the purpose of this article.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Gerald Pease. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the reconstruction of the bridge on Town Road 79 and authorize the Selectmen to withdraw seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Bridges and Roads Capital Reserve Fund and raise the balance of thirty thousand (\$30,000) by taxation.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Gerald Pease. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars (\$18,930) to purchase a new 2560 Kubota Diesel Front Mower with auto assist 4 WD for mowing the Community Fields, Town Office, and Common, and to authorize the withdrawal of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500) from the Tractor/Mower Capital Reserve fund and authorize the sale of the 2000 Kubota mower for ten thousand four hundred and thirty dollars (\$10,430). No amount to be raised by taxation.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Gerald Pease. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 8:

To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund called the WWII Monument Maintenance Fund and to raise and appropriate two thousand six hundred and seventy-seven dollars and seventy-four cents (\$2,677.74) plus accrued interest, to be placed in this fund and to designate the Selectmen as agents for this fund. Only the interest can be expended from this account. To be funded from the balance of donations left after construction of WWII Monument last year with no amount coming from taxation. Note: This money will be used to maintain the WWII monument only.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Gerald Pease. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 9:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve Fund known as the Wildfire Suppression Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1-c, to defray costs exceeding normal budget levels in the event of forest wildfires, to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for an initial deposit into said fund; yearly appropriations being made until a maximum of \$5,000 is reached, and to designate the Selectmen as agents of this fund.

The motion was made by Gerald Pease and seconded by Quentin Mack. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 10:

To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Reappraisal Capital Reserve Fund, Dump Closure Capital Reserve fund, Expendable Community Field Trust Fund, and Tree Care and Replenishment Trust Fund as per RSA 35:15 I.

The motion was made by Patricia Hammond and seconded by Quentin Mack. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 11:

To see if the Town will vote to close Andrews Road from the gate at the entrance to Clarence Andrews's property 65 feet eastward to the center of the front door of Clarence Andrews's house.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Quentin Mack. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the town modify the Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: The exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$5,000. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually, or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources of not more than \$13,400 if single and \$20,400 if married, owned net assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's actual residence and up to 2 acres.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Quentin Mack. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 13:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from interest in the Lenore Niles Trust fund for the purpose of planting trees on town-owned property, improving property, improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations or individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might not be attainable.

The motion was made by Gary Apfel and seconded by Quentin Mack. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 14:

To see if the Town, having a Master Plan adopted by the Planning Board on November 18, 2002, will vote to authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvements projected over a period of at least 6 years, in accordance with RSA 674:5.

The motion was made by David Bischoff and seconded by Paul Dalton. A voice vote was made in the affirmative.

The article was passed.

ARTICLE 15:

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Paul Messer wanted to make one comment. I am sure all of you have noticed the fence missing on the Archertown side of the cemetery. It just got in such bad condition that we removed it. We are in hopes of putting it back in place this year, but are having trouble getting material for it. We have received about 2/3 of the material. We are having a problem getting 14-foot cedar, six inches wide, to match what we used on the other sides.

ARTICLE 16:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

David Bischoff asked that anyone wishing to serve on the committee for the land we just purchased to let the Selectmen know within two weeks because they would be forming this committee at that time.

Quentin Mack thanked the townspeople for the support they had given him as Selectman for the last six years.

Paul Messer stated that on a number of occasions he has heard the Community Field being referred to as the Rivendell Community Field. Unless something has happened that he is not aware of, it is still owned by the Town of Orford and is the Orford Community Field. Rivendell only leases the field.

Carl Schmidt thanked the Selectmen and Budget Committee for the nice job and format they used this year when putting together the Town Report.

Someone announced that there is going to be a Roast Pork Dinner at the Church this Saturday.

The results of the Ballots:

TOWN MODERATOR: Two-Year Term

Peter M. Thomson – 245

David Noyes, Mike Grady, Toni Pease – 1 each

SELECTMAN: Three-Year Term

Ann Green – 188

Paul Carreiro – 30

Justin Adams – 12

Rita A. Pease – 11

Guy Hebb – 5

George Schwarz, Carl Cassel, Ernst Kling, Quentin Mack,
Paul Goundry – 1 each

TOWN TREASURER: Three-Year Term

Carl Cassel – 237

Tony Pease – 3

Judy Franklin, Bill McKee, Judy Silvia, Peter Dooley – 1 each

PLANNING BOARD MEMBER – Vote for Two: Three-Year Term

Paul Dalton – 199

Ruth Cserr – 161

Rita A. Pease – 36

Peter Dooley, Keith Wertman – 2 each

Jeff Gordon, Sandra Marsh, Carl Cassel, John O'Brien, Tom Thomson,
Mark Marsh, Kriste Kling, Ernst Kling, Paul Messer, Joe Arcolio – 1 each

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The ballots were sealed at 9:50 p.m.

The foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Louise M. Mack, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ORFORD
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
2005**

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD, County of Grafton, in said state, qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Rivendell Gymnasium in said Orford on Tuesday the 8th of March next at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1.

To choose all necessary Town Officers. The polls will be open from four o'clock in the afternoon and will close no earlier than nine o'clock in the evening for you to cast your ballot for the following officers:

Selectman	1-Year Term
Selectman	3-Year Term
Town Clerk	3-Year Term
Tax Collector	3-Year Term
Supervisor of Checklist	6-Year Term
Planning Board Member	3-Year Term
Planning Board Member	3-Year Term

and to vote for anything that may be on your ballot.

ARTICLE 2.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred and three thousand, seven hundred and nineteen dollars (\$803,719) for general municipal operations. (Majority vote required.)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$ 52,310.
Election	24,780.
Financial Administration	45,748.
Revaluation of Property	3,768.
Legal Expenses	14,000.
Personnel Administration	65,850.
Planning Board	7,570.
General Government Buildings	14,777.
Cemeteries	15,070.
Insurance	16,402.
Regional Association	1,146.
Contingency Fund	3,000.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	\$ 97,065.
Ambulance	16,365.
Fire Department	21,665.
Emergency Management	750.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Highways	\$244,550.
Bridges	6,000.
Street Lighting	4,700.

SANITATION

Solid Waste Collection	\$ 750.
Solid Waste Disposal	39,200.

HEALTH

Animal Control	\$ 6,055.
Health Agency	6,060.

WELFARE

Direct Assistance	\$ 4,500.
Intergovernmental Welfare	3,500.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Playgrounds	\$ 23,405.
Libraries	27,349.
Patriotic Purposes	650.

CONSERVATION

Other Conservation	\$ 1,675.
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DEBT SERVICE

Principal — Long Term Bonds	\$ 22,310.
Interest — Long Term Bonds	2,249.

IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS

Microfilming of Town	
Historical Records	\$ 300.
Restoration of Town	
Historical Records	2,700.
Maintenance for Community Field	7,500.

(NOTE: Under RSA 32:5V, the Selectmen are required to indicate whether or not they approve of an appropriation which appears as part of a special warrant article. The notation at the end of the following money articles gives the opinion of the majority of the Board.)

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 3.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and six thousand five hundred dollars (\$106,500) for payments into the following capital reserve funds as follows:

Bridges & Roads CRF (1989)	\$ 10,000.
Fire Trucks CRF (1989)	20,000.
Grader CRF (1983)	8,000.
Highway Dept. Trucks CRF (1983)	25,000.
Loader CRF (1983)	7,000.

Police Cruiser CRF (1978)	8,000.
Reappraisal CRF (1987)	15,000.
Tractor/Mower – (P&P) CRF (1992)	5,000.
Tax Maps CRF (2002)	5,000.
Heavy Equipment Maintenance CRF (2003)	2,500.
Wildfire Suppression Fund CRF (2004)	1,000.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 4.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars (\$51,500) for the purchase of a new 2006 1-ton truck with plow and sander, including an extended 7-year warranty, to be paid as follows: To authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Highway Department Truck Capital Reserve Fund and authorize the Selectboard to dispose of the current 1-ton truck for up to \$20,000 to be applied to the purchase price and raise the balance through taxation.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 5.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to replace three (3) monument bases located on the East and West Commons.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 6.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be deposited into the Tree Care and Replenishment Trust Fund, and designate the Selectboard as agents of the Town to expend money from the fund for this purpose without further Town Meeting approval.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for maintenance of the Rivendell Trail Association.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be used by the Planning Board to secure additional professional planning and legal services required in the preparation of a zoning and land use ordinance which will be put before the Town for consideration at the March 2006 Town Meeting.

[Note: The Planning Board seeks this appropriation in accordance with community interest expressed at the November 2004 public hearing and following two years of study by the Land Use Subcommittee. Professional planning and legal services will be

targeted to facilitate continued community involvement in the development process and to ensure that the completed ordinance best reflects the wishes of the community and the interests of the Town.]

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the original sum of \$100,000 that was appropriated in 2004 for replacement of Weeks Bridge. This article will be non-lapsing until the project is completed or 12/31/2007.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 10.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) from interest in the Lenore Niles Trust Fund for the purpose of planting trees on town-owned property, improving community facilities and sponsoring organizations or individuals of Orford with financial aid for opportunities that otherwise might be unattainable.

(The majority of the Selectboard and the Budget Committee recommend this appropriation.)

ARTICLE 11.

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Elderly Exemption under the provision of RSA 72:39b as follows: The exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$10,000 (age 65–74), \$15,000 (age 75–79) and \$25,000 (age 80+), and the taxpayer shall have a net income in the calendar year of preceding April 1 of not more than \$18,400 if single, or not more than a combined net income of \$26,400 if married, and own assets not in excess of \$40,000 excluding the value of the residence and land upon which it is located (no more than two acres). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the person’s spouse owns the real estate, they must have been married for at least five consecutive years.

ARTICLE 12.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the design plan drawn up by the NH Fish and Game to improve the boat launch area.

ARTICLE 13.

To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 14.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal at Orford the 2nd day of February in the year two thousand and five.

David F. Bischoff
Ann Green
Paul Carreiro
SELECTBOARD, TOWN OF ORFORD

RETURN OF POSTING

We, the undersigned Selectboard for the Town of Orford, do hereby certify that on February 5, 2005 a copy of the warrant was posted at the Orford Post Office and at the Town Office, these being two public places within the Town of Orford, as prescribed in RSA 39 and RSA 669:2.

David F. Bischoff
Ann Green
Paul Carreiro
TOWN OF ORFORD, SELECTBOARD

2005 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005
or Fiscal Year from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS			Appropriations 2004	Actual Expenditures 2004	Recommended Appropriations 2005
Acct. No.		Warrant Article #			
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
4130-39	Executive	2	\$ 51,146.	\$ 50,960.	\$ 52,310.
4140-49	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	2	21,849.	21,454.	24,780.
4150-51	Financial Administration	2	41,349.	52,955.	45,748.
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	5,600.	5,081.	3,768.
4153	Legal Expense	2	9,500.	17,232.	14,000.
4155-59	Personnel Administration	2	48,871.	33,481.	65,850.
4191-93	Planning & Zoning	2	6,650.	7,191.	7,570.
4194	General Government Buildings	2	17,072.	12,849.	14,777.
4195	Cemeteries	2	12,993.	15,598.	15,070.
4196	Insurance	2	15,073.	15,183.	16,402.
4197	Advertising & Regional Associations	2	1,047.	1,047.	1,146.
4199	Other General Government	2	3,000.	3,139.	3,000.
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>					
4210-14	Police	2	65,920.	40,322.	97,065.
4215-19	Ambulance	2	16,365.	16,365.	16,365.
4220-29	Fire	2	20,165.	20,660.	21,665.
4240-49	Building Inspection	2	750.	156.	750.
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>					
4312	Highways & Streets	2	253,331.	226,170.	244,550.
4313	Bridges	2	6,000.	4,301.	6,000.
4316	Street Lighting	2	4,700.	3,902.	4,700.
<u>SANITATION</u>					
4323	Solid Waste Collection	2	750.	0.	750.
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	38,200.	39,029.	39,200.
<u>HEALTH</u>					
4414	Pest Control	2	7,062.	6,507.	6,055.
4415-19	Health Agencies & Hospitals & Other	2	6,060.	6,060.	6,060.

2005 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 2

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS			Appropriations 2004	Actual Expenditures 2004	Recommended Appropriations 2005
Acct. No.		Warrant Article #			
	<u>WELFARE</u>				
4441-42	Administration & Direct Assistance	2	\$ 4,500.	\$ 1,327.	\$ 4,500.
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2	2,950.	2,950.	3,500.
	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
4520-29	Parks & Recreation	2	22,833.	18,921.	23,405.
4550-59	Library	2	26,199.	26,199.	27,349.
4583	Patriotic Purposes	2	125.	146.	650.
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
4619	Other Conservation	2	1,600.	16,683.	1,675.
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
4711	Principal — Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	28,310.	28,310.	22,310.
4721	Interest — Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	3,682.	3,680.	2,249.
	<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>				
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings	2	13,091.	6,586.	10,500.
<u>SUBTOTAL 1</u>			<u>\$ 756,743.</u>	<u>\$ 704,444.</u>	<u>\$803,719.</u>

2005 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 3

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Appropriations 2004	Actual Expenditures 2004	Recommended Appropriations 2005
Acct. No.	SPECIAL* WARRANT ARTICLES	Warrant Article #		
	Bridges & Roads	3	\$ 10,000.	\$ 10,000.
	Fire Truck	3	20,000.	20,000.
	Grader	3	8,000.	8,000.
	Heavy Equip. Maint.	3	2,500.	2,500.
	Loader	3	7,000.	7,000.
	Police Cruiser	3	8,000.	8,000.
	Reappraisal	3	20,000.	15,000.
	Tax Maps	3	5,000.	5,000.
	Tractor-Mower	3	6,000.	5,000.
	Highway Trucks	3	25,000.	25,000.
	Niles Fund	10	5,000.	5,000.
	Wildfire Support	3	1,000.	1,000.
	WWII Monument Maint.		2,678.	0.
SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED				\$ 106,500.

*Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

		Appropriations 2004	Actual Expenditures 2004	Recommended Appropriations 2005
Acct. No.	INDIVIDUAL** WARRANT ARTICLES	Warrant Article #		
4901	Land Purchase	4	\$ 180,000.	\$ 180,000.
4902	2005 Dump Truck	5	115,000.	95,000.
4901	Weeks Bridge	6	100,000.	4,320.
4902	New Mower	7	18,930.	8,500.
4902	1-Ton Truck	4		51,500.
4901	Weeks Bridge	9		25,000.
4909	Monument Bases	5		1,500.
4909	Tree Care Replenishment	6		3,000.
4909	Rivendell Trail	7		300.
4909	Zoning Ordinance Plan	8		7,500.
4909	Niles Fund	10		5,000.
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED				\$ 93,800.

**"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles." Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

2005 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 4

SOURCE OF REVENUE		Estimated Revenue 2004	Actual Revenue 2004	Estimated Revenue 2005
Acct. No.	TAXES	Warrant Article #		
3120	Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 5,000.	\$ 12,388.	\$ 10,000.
3185	Timber Taxes	10,000.	21,446.	15,000.
3189	Other Taxes		941.	500.
3190	Interest & Penalties on			
	Delinquent Taxes	8,000.	4,505.	5,000.
	Inventory Penalties	2,000.	1,182.	750.
3187	Excavation Tax (2 cents per cu. yd.)	130.	120.	120.
	<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	175,000.	218,575.	175,000.
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	9,000.	11,845.	4,000.
3311-19	<u>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</u>	1,736.	1,781.	17,300.
	<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351	Shared Revenues	12,000.	13,428.	10,000.
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	31,000.	38,067.	31,000.
3353	Highway Block Grant	50,000.	52,277.	50,000.
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	1,300.	1,085.	1,090.
3379	<u>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</u>	7,500.		7,500.
	<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401-06	Income from Departments	9,000.	21,700.	10,000.
	<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	20,000.	31,400.	20,000.
	Truck	10,430.		
3502	Interest on Investments	4,000.	5,361.	5,000.
3503-09	Other	2,928.	29,177.	12,000.
	<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		3,678.	
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	138,000.	158,849.	25,000.
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds	5,000.	1,147.	5,000.
	<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to			
	Reduce Taxes		180,000.	
<u>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS</u>		<u>\$ 502,024.</u>	<u>\$ 628,952.</u>	<u>\$ 404,260.</u>

2005 BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD — 5

BUDGET SUMMARY

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended	\$ 803,719.
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended	106,500.
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended	93,800.
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$ 1,004,019.
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	404,260.
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	<u>\$ 599,759.</u>

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee has again worked with the Selectmen and Administrative Assistant during several rounds of departmental budget request presentations, and the public Budget hearing.

Warrant Articles 2 through 10 to raise and appropriate money, if all passed, will yield a total budget of \$1,004,019, down 22% from last year's \$1,286,551. (The main reason for the reduction is because last year \$180,000 was appropriated for the purchase of land adjacent to the boat landing, and \$115,000 for the purchase of a new dump truck.) Articles 2 and 3 comprise the bulk of the budget, with Article 2 being \$803,719 (up 5.8% from last year's \$757,443) and Article 3, the Capital Reserve appropriation of \$106,500 (down 5% from last year's \$111,500). Combined, Articles 2 and 3 represent \$910,219, a 4.8% increase over year's requested \$868,843.

Article 9 adds an additional \$25,000 to the \$100,000 authorized last year for the replacement of Weeks Bridge, primarily to help cover some of the cost of a temporary bridge.

Once again the budgeting process has gone smoothly, due to the efforts of many people working together to prepare the budget.

The Budget Committee agrees with the budgets outlined in Articles 2 through 10, and recommends their passage.

The Budget Committee

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS
January 2004 to December 2004

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE

		Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
Board of Selectmen					
01-4130.10-130	EX Salaries – Selectmen	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4130.10-220	EX Social Security	280.00	279.00	1.00	0.36
01-4130.10-225	EX Medicare	66.00	65.25	0.75	1.14
01-4130.10-341	EX Telephone	1,200.00	1,011.15	188.85	15.74
01-4130.10-390	EX Recording Fees	300.00	479.41	(179.41)	(59.80)
01-4130.10-440	EX Copier Contract	355.00	376.00	(21.00)	(5.92)
01-4130.10-550	EX Printing	1,200.00	1,438.58	(238.58)	(19.88)
01-4130.10-560	EX Dues and Subscriptions	1,200.00	1,216.50	(16.50)	(1.38)
01-4130.10-570	EX Advertising	300.00	1,289.36	(989.36)	(329.79)
01-4130.10-620	EX Office Supplies	1,400.00	1,423.16	(23.16)	(1.65)
01-4130.10-625	EX Postage	1,100.00	1,114.24	(14.24)	(1.29)
01-4130.10-690	EX Selectmen's Expenses	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
01-4130.10-740	EX Office Equipment	600.00	0.00	600.00	100.00
• TOTAL • Board of Selectmen		\$ 12,801.00	\$ 13,492.65	\$ (691.65)	(5.40)
Town Administration					
01-4130.20-110	AA Wages – Adm. Assistant	\$ 27,325.00	\$ 27,354.17	(29.17)	(0.11)
01-4130.20-120	AA P/T Payroll Clerk	1,700.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00
01-4130.20-220	AA Social Security	1,810.00	1,826.79	(16.79)	(0.93)
01-4130.20-225	AA Medicare	425.00	427.07	(2.07)	(0.49)
01-4130.20-300	AA NH Retirement	1,625.00	1,491.58	133.42	8.21
01-4130.20-690	AA Miscellaneous	250.00	20.00	230.00	92.00
01-4130.20-850	AA Training and Seminars	200.00	210.11	(10.11)	(5.06)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 2

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE

Town Administration *(continued)*

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
• TOTAL • Town Administration	\$ 33,335.00	\$ 33,029.72	\$ 305.28	0.92
Reimbursement: Training Seminars	(\$ 192.86)			
Town Meeting				
01-4130.30-550 MTG Town Report Printing	\$ 4,610.00	\$ 4,255.00	\$ 355.00	7.70
01-4130.30-625 MTG Postage	400.00	182.95	217.05	54.26
• TOTAL • Town Meeting	\$ 5,010.00	\$ 4,437.95	\$ 572.05	11.42
• TOTAL • EXECUTIVE	\$ 51,146.00	\$ 50,960.32	\$ 185.68	0.36

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Town Clerk				
01-4140.10-120 TC Wages – Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4140.10-130 TC Salary – Town Clerk	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
01-4140.10-190 TC Town Clerk Fees	9,200.00	9,668.50	(468.50)	(5.09)
01-4140.10-220 TC Social Security	700.00	723.27	(23.27)	(3.32)
01-4140.10-225 TC Medicare	170.00	169.18	0.82	0.48
01-4140.10-341 TC Telephone	900.00	755.87	144.13	16.01
01-4140.10-560 TC Dues and Subscriptions	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4140.10-570 TC Advertising	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
01-4140.10-610 TC Miscellaneous	150.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
01-4140.10-613 TC Dog Licenses	0.00	711.00	(711.00)	0.00

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 3

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION**

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
<i>Town Clerk (continued)</i>				
01-4140.10-615 TC Vital Statistics	\$ 725.00	\$ 662.00	\$ 63.00	8.69
01-4140.10-620 TC Office Supplies	1,000.00	484.50	515.50	51.55
01-4140.10-625 TC Postage	600.00	413.19	186.81	31.14
01-4140.10-850 TC Training and Seminars	900.00	144.00	756.00	84.00
01-4140.10-855 TC BMSI – Software and Training	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • Town Clerk	\$ 18,795.00	\$ 18,031.51	\$ 763.49	4.06
Reimbursement: Dog Licenses (\$ 711.00)				
TC Fees (\$ 9,668.50)				
Vital Statistics (\$ 662.00)				
<i>Voter Registration</i>				
01-4140.20-130 EL Wages – Election Officials	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,730.04	\$ (730.04)	(36.50)
01-4140.20-220 EL Social Security	124.00	169.29	(45.29)	(36.52)
01-4140.20-225 EL Medicare	30.00	39.59	(9.59)	(31.97)
01-4140.20-570 EL Advertising	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
01-4140.20-620 EL Printing and Supplies	250.00	83.56	166.44	66.58
01-4140.20-690 EL Meals	400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • Voter Registration	\$ 3,054.00	\$ 3,422.48	\$ (368.48)	(12.07)
• TOTAL • ELECTION AND REGISTRATION	\$ 21,849.00	\$ 21,453.99	\$ 395.01	1.81

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 4

GENERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

		Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
Tax Collection					
01-4150.40-190	TX Tax Collector's Fees	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 14,447.28	\$ 3,552.72	19.74
01-4150.40-195	TX Deputy Tax Collector	1,500.00	1,000.00	500.00	33.33
01-4150.40-220	TX Social Security	1,250.00	957.54	292.46	23.40
01-4150.40-225	TX Medicare	\$ 300.00	\$ 223.84	\$ 76.16	25.39
01-4150.40-390	TX Mortgage Research	800.00	407.00	393.00	49.13
01-4150.40-620	TX Office Supplies	500.00	484.43	15.57	3.11
01-4150.40-625	TX Postage	1,400.00	1,195.26	204.74	14.62
01-4150.40-630	TX BMSI – Software	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.40-850	TX Training and Seminars	725.00	1,100.00	(375.00)	(51.72)
	• TOTAL • Tax Collection	\$ 24,475.00	\$ 19,815.35	\$ 4,659.65	19.04
Treasury					
01-4150.50-130	T Salary – Treasurer	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-220	T Social Security	93.00	93.00	0.00	0.00
01-4150.50-225	T Medicare	22.00	21.75	0.25	1.14
01-4150.50-340	T Bank and Wire Fees	198.00	86.25	111.75	56.44
01-4150.50-620	T Office Supplies	200.00	159.14	40.86	20.43
01-4150.50-625	T Postage	250.00	185.00	65.00	26.00
01-4150.50-630	T Training and Seminars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	• TOTAL • Treasury	\$ 2,263.00	\$ 2,045.14	\$ 217.86	9.63

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 5

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Bad Checks

01-4150.51-100	T Bad Checks	\$	0.00	\$	15,431.05	\$	(15,431.05)	0.00
	• TOTAL • Bad Checks	\$	0.00	\$	15,431.05	\$	(15,431.05)	0.00

Reimbursement: Bad Checks

(\$ 15,431.05)

IT Information Technology

01-4150.60-330	IT Software and Training	\$	6,011.00	\$	5,727.50	\$	284.00	4.72
01-4150.60-340	IT Support and Maintenance		2,350.00		3,686.36		(1,336.36)	(56.87)
01-4150.60-350	IT CAMA Technical Support		500.00		500.00		0.00	0.00
	• TOTAL • IT Information Technology	\$	8,861.00	\$	9,913.36	\$	(1,052.36)	(11.88)

Auditor

01-4150.70-135	AUD Annual Audit	\$	5,750.00	\$	5,750.00	\$	0.00	0.00
	• TOTAL • Auditor	\$	5,750.00	\$	5,750.00	\$	0.00	0.00

• TOTAL • FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

\$ 41,349.00 \$ 52,954.90 \$ (11,605.90) (28.07)

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

01-4152.10-390	AS Avitar Assessing/Pick-ups	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,781.50	\$	281.50	4.37
01-4152.20-110	TM Wages – Tax Maps		500.00		0.00		500.00	100.00
01-4152.20-220	TM Social Security		31.00		0.00		31.00	100.00
01-4152.20-225	TM Medicare		7.00		0.00		7.00	100.00
01-4152.20-620	TM Supplies		62.00		300.00		(238.00)	(383.87)

• TOTAL • REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

\$ 5,600.00 \$ 5,081.50 \$ 518.50 9.26

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 6

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

REVALUATION OF TOWN

01-4152.30-100 AS Avitar Revaluation	\$	0.00	\$	3,573.00	\$	(3,573.00)	0.00
• TOTAL • REVALUATION OF TOWN	\$	0.00	\$	3,573.00	\$	(3,573.00)	0.00

Reimbursement: Avitar Revaluation (\$ 3,573.00)

LEGAL EXPENSE

01-4153.10-320 LE Town Attorney	\$	7,500.00	\$	15,245.38	\$	(7,745.38)	(103.27)
01-4153.10-690 LE Other Legal Expenses		2,000.00		1,986.83		13.17	0.66
• TOTAL • LEGAL EXPENSE	\$	9,500.00	\$	17,232.21	\$	(7,732.21)	(81.39)

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

01-4155.10-210 EMB Group Health Insurance	\$	46,331.00	\$	31,101.52	\$	15,229.48	32.87
01-4155.10-215 EMB Group Life Insurance		190.00		137.70		52.30	27.53
01-4155.10-217 EMB Group Delta Dental		2,350.00		2,241.51		108.49	4.62
• TOTAL • EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$	48,871.00	\$	33,480.73	\$	15,390.27	31.49

Reimbursement: Health (\$ 1,722.66)
Delta Dental (\$ 745.44)

PLANNING BOARD

01-4191.10-390 PB Recording Fees	\$	100.00	\$	266.00	\$	(166.00)	(166.00)
01-4191.10-391 PB UVLSRPC – Planning Assistant		5,300.00		5,130.00		170.00	3.21
01-4191.10-550 PB Legal Expenses		500.00		140.00		360.00	72.00
01-4191.10-560 PB Dues and Subscriptions		30.00		48.00		(18.00)	(60.00)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 7

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
PLANNING BOARD <i>(continued)</i>				
01-4191.10-570 PB Advertising	250.00	250.97	(0.97)	(0.39)
01-4191.10-620 PB Office Supplies	20.00	69.19	(49.19)	(245.95)
01-4191.10-625 PB Postage	350.00	479.85	(129.85)	(37.10)
01-4191.10-690 PB Miscellaneous	100.00	806.50	(706.50)	(706.50)
01-4191.10-740 PB Equipment	50.00	0.00	50.00	100.00
• TOTAL • PLANNING BOARD	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 7,190.51	\$ (490.51)	(7.32)

Reimbursement: Recording Fees (\$ 220.00)
 Sanborn Estate – Legal Fees (\$ 1,525.00)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS				
01-4194.10-220 GB Social Security	\$ 155.00	\$ 117.88	\$ 37.12	23.95
01-4194.10-225 GB Medicare	37.00	27.59	9.41	25.43
01-4194.10-360 GB Custodial Services	1,500.00	1,606.13	(106.13)	(7.08)
01-4194.10-365 GB Snow Shoveling Services	850.00	340.00	510.00	60.00
01-4194.10-410 GB Electricity	1,500.00	1,554.76	(54.76)	(3.65)
01-4194.10-411 GB Heating – Propane	2,500.00	3,894.03	(1,394.03)	(55.76)
01-4194.10-412 GB New Furnace for Town Office	4,440.00	4,439.51	0.49	0.01
01-4194.10-430 GB Repairs and Maintenance	700.00	0.00	700.00	100.00
01-4194.10-610 GB Supplies	200.00	289.55	(89.55)	(44.78)
01-4194.10-690 GB Miscellaneous	240.00	190.98	49.02	20.43
01-4194.10-710 GB Improvements to Grounds	150.00	0.00	150.00	100.00
01-4194.10-720 GB Improvements to Buildings	4,400.00	0.00	4,400.00	100.00
01-4194.10-750 GB Furniture	400.00	388.09	11.91	2.98

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 8

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS *(continued)*

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
• TOTAL • GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$ 17,072.00	\$ 12,848.52	\$ 4,223.48	24.74
CEMETERIES				
01-4195.10-220 CE Federal Taxes	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,747.98	\$ (347.98)	(14.50)
01-4195.10-490 CE Cemetery Appropriation	10,243.00	10,243.00	0.00	0.00
01-4195.10-635 CE Gasoline	350.00	568.68	(218.68)	(62.48)
• TOTAL • CEMETERIES	\$ 12,993.00	\$ 13,559.66	\$ (566.66)	(4.36)

Reimbursement: Federal Taxes (\$ 2,747.98)

CEMETERY – FENCING

01-4195.20-100 CE Cemetery Fence	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,037.91	\$ (2,037.91)	0.00
• TOTAL • CEMETERY – FENCING	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,037.91	\$ (2,037.91)	0.00

Reimbursement: Warrant Articles
#8 (2002) and #7 (2003) (\$ 2,037.91)

INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED

01-4196.10-520 IN Property and Liability	\$ 7,344.00	\$ 7,455.00	\$ (111.00)	(1.51)
01-4196.10-521 IN Worker's Comp. Ins.	7,729.00	7,728.34	0.66	0.01
• TOTAL • INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED	\$ 15,073.00	\$ 15,183.34	\$ (110.34)	(0.73)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 9

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

INSURANCE NOT OTHERWISE ALLOCATED (continued)

Reimbursement: Property and Liability	(\$ 669.75)				
Worker's Comp. Ins.	(\$ 575.00)				

ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

01-4197.10-560 UVLRPC Dues	\$ 1,047.00	\$ 1,047.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 1,047.00	\$ 1,047.00	\$ 0.00	0.00

OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

01-4199.10-000 CF Contingency Fund	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,138.74	\$ (138.74)	(4.62)
• TOTAL • OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,138.74	\$ (138.74)	(4.62)
• TOTAL • GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 234,200.00	\$ 239,742.33	\$ (5,542.33)	(2.37)

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

01-4210.10-110 PD Salaries – F/T	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 6,117.03	\$ 28,882.97	82.52
01-4210.10-115 PD Salaries – Twn. Portion – COPS	8,000.00	7,790.63	209.37	2.62
01-4210.10-120 PD Special Details	1,800.00	1,457.10	342.90	19.05
01-4210.10-220 PD Social Security	610.00	243.39	366.61	60.10
01-4210.10-225 PD Medicare	650.00	220.36	429.64	66.10
01-4210.10-230 PD NH Retirement	2,760.00	904.81	1,855.19	67.22
01-4210.10-341 PD Telephone	1,150.00	1,022.37	127.63	11.10

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 10

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT *(continued)*

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4210.10-390 PD Dispatch	6,850.00	6,850.00	0.00	0.00
01-4210.10-430 PD Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	1,000.00	394.55	605.45	60.55
01-4210.10-560 PD Dues and Subscriptions	150.00	84.00	66.00	44.00
01-4210.10-620 PD Office Supplies	350.00	1,330.90	(980.90)	(280.26)
01-4210.10-625 PD Postage	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4210.10-630 PD Information Technology	250.00	200.00	50.00	20.00
01-4210.10-635 PD Gasoline	1,400.00	465.35	934.65	66.76
01-4210.10-650 PD Radios	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.00
01-4210.10-671 PD School Resources	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4210.10-690 PD Prosecution	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00
01-4210.10-740 PD Equipment	2,000.00	4,627.57	(2,627.57)	(131.38)
01-4210.10-840 PD Uniforms	500.00	2,229.69	(1,729.69)	(345.94)
01-4210.10-850 PD Training	500.00	4,084.13	(3,584.13)	(716.83)
• TOTAL • POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 66,170.00	\$ 40,521.88	\$ 25,648.12	38.76

Reimbursement: COPS Grant (\$ 6,730.21)
 Crime Star Software (\$ 1,085.00)
 Special Details (\$ 750.00)

AMBULANCE

01-4215.10-351 AMB Upper Valley Ambulance	\$ 16,365.00	\$ 16,365.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • AMBULANCE	\$ 16,365.00	\$ 16,365.00	0.00	0.00

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 11

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4220.10-120	FD Wages — P/T	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 1,718.00	46.31
01-4220.10-130	FD Wages — Fire Wardens	250.00	250.00	100.00
01-4220.10-220	FD Social Security	215.00	108.48	50.46
01-4220.10-225	FD Medicare	50.00	25.08	50.16
01-4220.10-390	FD Dispatch	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (250.00)	(16.67)
01-4220.10-395	FD Emergency Medical Services	200.00	298.46	(49.23)
01-4220.10-430	FD Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	10,027.30	(902.73)
01-4220.10-440	FD Rent	3,950.00	3,800.00	3.80
01-4220.10-560	FD Dues and Subscriptions	150.00	100.00	66.67
01-4220.10-635	FD Vehicle Fuel	250.00	608.17	(143.27)
01-4220.10-740	FD Equipment	8,500.00	2,276.98	73.21
01-4220.10-741	FD Compressor	200.00	200.00	100.00
01-4220.10-830	FD Forest Fire	100.00	100.00	100.00
01-4220.10-840	FD Radios	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4220.10-850	FD Training	600.00	600.00	100.00
• TOTAL • FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 20,165.00	\$ 20,660.35	\$ (495.35)	(2.46)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

01-4290.10-690	EM Emergency Management	\$ 750.00	\$ 156.19	79.17
• TOTAL • EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 750.00	\$ 156.19	\$ 593.81	79.17
• TOTAL • PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 103,450.00	\$ 77,703.42	\$ 25,746.58	24.89

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 12

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

ROAD MAINTENANCE

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4312.20-110 HW Wages — F/T	\$ 102,380.00	\$ 85,073.17	\$ 17,306.83	16.90
01-4312.20-120 HW Wages — P/T	8,500.00	3,993.75	4,506.25	53.01
01-4312.20-220 HW Social Security	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 5,668.93	1,231.07	17.84
01-4312.20-225 HW Medicare	1,610.00	1,325.88	284.12	17.65
01-4312.20-226 HW VT Taxes — Employee	0.00	142.00	(142.00)	0.00
01-4312.20-230 HW NH Retirement	6,041.00	5,463.13	577.87	9.57
01-4312.20-341 HW Telephone	800.00	632.90	167.10	20.89
01-4312.20-410 HW Electricity	1,100.00	807.12	292.88	26.63
01-4312.20-411 HW Heating Oil	500.00	201.29	298.71	59.74
01-4312.20-430 HW Drug and Alcohol Testing	500.00	175.00	325.00	65.00
01-4312.20-440 HW Equipment Rental	3,500.00	500.00	3,000.00	85.71
01-4312.20-490 HW Sweeping and Brush Cutting	3,800.00	3,573.00	227.00	5.97
01-4312.20-560 HW Dues and Subscriptions	150.00	64.00	86.00	57.33
01-4312.20-610 HW Miscellaneous	800.00	660.07	139.93	17.49
01-4312.20-630 HW Vehicle Maint. and Repairs	16,000.00	16,826.67	(826.67)	(5.17)
01-4312.20-635 HW Gasoline	250.00	145.16	104.84	41.94
01-4312.20-636 HW Diesel	10,000.00	8,695.73	1,304.27	13.04
01-4312.20-637 HW Propane	900.00	605.08	294.92	32.77
01-4312.20-640 HW Building Maintenance	1,000.00	791.76	208.24	20.82
01-4312.20-730 HW Road Reconstruction	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
01-4312.20-740 HW New Equipment	2,500.00	2,286.65	213.35	8.53
01-4312.20-840 HW Uniforms	3,200.00	2,901.56	298.44	9.33
01-4312.20-861 HW Culverts	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.00
01-4312.20-862 HW Gravel	14,000.00	21,081.38	(7,081.38)	(50.58)
01-4312.20-863 HW Paving/Cold Patch	50,000.00	58,656.74	(8,656.74)	(17.31)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 13

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

ROAD MAINTENANCE *(continued)*

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4312.20-864 HW Road Salt	6,500.00	5,391.94	1,108.06	17.05
01-4312.20-865 HW Road Signs	1,000.00	134.43	865.57	86.56
01-4312.20-866 HW UNH Courses	\$ 300.00	\$ 0.00	300.00	100.00
01-4312.20-868 HW Private Road Signs	500.00	372.80	127.20	25.44
01-4312.20-890 HW Roadside Refuse Disposal	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
01-4312.20-895 HW Tree Removal	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
01-4312.20-896 HW Adopt-a-Road	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • ROAD MAINTENANCE	\$ 253,331.00	\$ 226,170.14	\$ 27,160.86	10.72

BRIDGES

01-4313.10-440 BRG Equipment Rental	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	100.00
01-4313.10-630 BRG Supplies	3,000.00	4,301.12	(1,301.12)	(43.37)
01-4313.10-862 BRG Gravel	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00
• TOTAL • BRIDGES	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,301.12	\$ 1,698.88	28.31

STREET LIGHTING

01-4316.10-410 SL Street Lighting	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 3,901.57	\$ 798.43	16.99
• TOTAL • STREET LIGHTING	4,700.00	3,901.57	798.43	16.99
• TOTAL • HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	\$ 264,031.00	\$ 234,372.83	\$ 29,658.17	11.23

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 14

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
SANITATION				
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION				
01-4323.10-610 WC Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	100.00
01-4323.10-620 WC Training/Seminars	250.00	0.00	250.00	100.00
• TOTAL • SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	\$ 750.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 750.00	100.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL				
01-4324.10-390 WD Disposal – N.C.E.S./ Lebanon Landfill	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 32,041.21	\$ 958.79	2.91
01-4324.10-395 WD Dues – Northeast Resource	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
01-4324.20-610 WD Supplies	2,800.00	0.00	2,800.00	100.00
01-4324.40-390 WD Recycling – Floyd Marsh	2,200.00	1,800.00	400.00	18.18
01-4324.40-395 WD Disposal – Septage – Plymouth	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	\$ 38,200.00	\$ 34,041.21	\$ 4,158.79	10.89
LANDFILL CLOSURE				
01-4324.50-100 WD Landfill Closure	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,987.52	\$ (4,987.52)	0.00
• TOTAL • LANDFILL CLOSURE	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,987.52	\$ (4,987.52)	0.00
Reimbursement: Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund (\$ 4,987.52)				
• TOTAL • SANITATION	\$ 38,950.00	\$ 39,028.73	\$ (78.73)	(0.20)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 15

		Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
HEALTH					
ANIMAL CONTROL					
01-4414.10-120	AC Wages – P/T	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,368.49	\$ (243.49)	(21.64)
01-4414.10-220	AC Social Security	\$ 70.00	\$ 84.82	\$ (14.82)	(21.17)
01-4414.10-225	AC Medicare	17.00	19.86	(2.86)	(16.82)
01-4414.10-390	AC Veterinary/Boarding	1,000.00	350.00	650.00	65.00
01-4414.10-680	AC Supplies	4,200.00	4,268.29	(68.29)	(1.63)
01-4414.10-690	AC Mileage Reimbursement	300.00	415.90	(115.90)	(38.63)
01-4414.10-850	AC Training	350.00	0.00	350.00	100.00
• TOTAL • ANIMAL CONTROL		\$ 7,062.00	\$ 6,507.36	\$ 554.64	7.85
HEALTH AGENCIES					
01-4415.20-352	HA VNAVNH/Hospice	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • HEALTH AGENCIES		\$ 6,060.00	\$ 6,060.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • HEALTH		\$ 13,122.00	\$ 12,567.36	\$ 554.64	4.23
WELFARE					
DIRECT ASSISTANCE					
01-4442.10-410	DIR ASST Electricity	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	100.00
01-4442.10-411	DIR ASST Heat	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
01-4442.10-440	DIR ASST Rent	3,000.00	1,327.00	1,673.00	55.77
01-4442.10-690	DIR ASST Food/Misc.	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00
• TOTAL • DIRECT ASSISTANCE		\$ 4,500.00	\$ 1,327.00	\$ 3,173.00	70.51
Reimbursement: Rent		(\$ 565.00)			

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 16

WELFARE

INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4444.10-390 IW Tri-County CAP	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4444.20-380 IW West Central Behav. Health	1,050.00	1,050.00	0.00	0.00
01-4444.20-390 IW Grafton County Senior Citizens	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • INTERGOVERNMENTAL WELFARE	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 2,950.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • WELFARE	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 4,277.00	\$ 3,173.00	42.59

CULTURE AND RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION

01-4520.10-120 P&P Wages – P/T	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 6,200.59	\$ 1,199.41	16.21
01-4520.10-130 P&P Wages – Swim Instructor	1,100.00	1,038.50	61.50	5.59
01-4520.10-131 P&P Swim Aides	400.00	180.00	220.00	55.00
01-4520.10-133 P&P Swim Program – Misc.	0.00	132.00	(132.00)	0.00
01-4520.10-220 P&P Social Security	575.00	451.13	123.87	21.54
01-4520.10-225 P&P Medicare	135.00	105.63	29.37	21.76
01-4520.10-360 P&P Mowing	3,275.00	2,865.50	409.50	12.50
01-4520.10-410 P&P Electricity	400.00	267.85	132.15	33.04
01-4520.10-490 P&P Trash Collection	600.00	0.00	600.00	100.00
01-4520.10-600 P&P Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-610 P&P Miscellaneous	600.00	286.58	313.42	52.24
01-4520.10-630 P&P Maintenance/Repairs	700.00	1,254.95	(554.95)	(79.28)
01-4520.10-635 P&P Gasoline	200.00	0.00	200.00	100.00
01-4520.10-636 P&P Diesel Fuel	500.00	401.23	98.77	19.75
01-4520.10-691 P&P Portable Toilets	3,000.00	3,445.00	(445.00)	(14.83)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 17

CULTURE AND RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION (continued)

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
01-4520.10-695 P&P Improvements	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500.00	100.00
01-4520.10-820 P&P Rivendell Trails	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-821 P&P CSO Recreation Council	1,748.00	1,748.00	0.00	0.00
01-4520.10-822 P&P Swim Program – Misc.	400.00	0.00	400.00	100.00
01-4520.10-900 P&P Orford Garden Club	700.00	544.29	155.71	22.24
• TOTAL • PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 23,233.00	\$ 18,921.25	\$ 4,311.75	18.56

LIBRARY

01-4550.10-220 LIB Social Security	\$ 645.00	\$ 644.80	\$ 0.20	0.03
01-4550.10-225 LIB Medicare	151.00	150.80	0.20	0.13
01-4550.20-490 LIB Free Library – Appropriation	10,403.00	10,403.00	0.00	0.00
01-4550.30-490 LIB Social Library – Appropriation	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • LIBRARY	\$ 26,199.00	\$ 26,198.60	\$ 0.40	0.00

Reimbursement: Fed. Taxes Free Library (\$ 795.60)

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

01-4583.10-610 PP Patriotic Purposes – Misc.	\$ 125.00	\$ 146.30	\$ (21.30)	(17.04)
• TOTAL • PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 125.00	\$ 146.30	\$ (21.30)	(17.04)
• TOTAL • CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$ 49,557.00	\$ 45,266.15	\$ 4,290.85	8.66

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 18

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
01-4619.10-000 CONS Conservation Commission	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 802.61	\$ 797.39	49.84
• TOTAL • CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 802.61	\$ 797.39	49.84
CONSERVATION COMMISSION — SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
01-4620.10-000 CONS Conservation Commission — Savings Account	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,683.00	\$ (16,683.00)	0.00
• TOTAL • CONSERVATION COMMISSION — SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 0.00	\$ 16,683.00	\$ (16,683.00)	0.00
Reimbursement: C.U. Release of Liens (\$ 16,683.00)				
DEBT SERVICE				
LONG TERM PRINCIPAL				
01-4711.20-980 DS Debt Service — Bond Principal	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4711.20-985 DS Debt Service — WGSB Loan — FD	6,310.00	6,310.00	0.00	0.00
01-4711.20-986 DS Debt Service — WGSB Loan — FD	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • LONG TERM PRINCIPAL	\$ 28,310.00	\$ 28,310.00	\$ 0.00	0.00

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 19

	Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
LONG TERM INTEREST				
01-4721.20-981 INT Interest Due on Bond	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
01-4721.20-985 INT Interest Due — WGSB Loan — FD	1,879.00	1,880.87	(1.87)	(0.10)
01-4721.20-986 INT Interest Due — WGSB Loan — FD	753.00	748.75	4.25	0.56
• TOTAL • LONG TERM INTEREST	\$ 3,682.00	\$ 3,679.62	\$ 2.38	0.06
• TOTAL • DEBT SERVICE	\$ 31,992.00	\$ 31,989.62	\$ 2.38	0.01
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
01-4901.10-730 CO Ld. and Imp. — Bridge	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 4,320.00	\$ 95,680.00	95.68
01-4901.10-731 CO Ld. and Imp. — Ducharme Land Purchase	180,000.00	180,000.00	0.00	0.00
01-4902.10-740 CO Mach. and Equip. — Truck	115,000.00	95,000.00	20,000.00	17.39
01-4902.10-741 CO Mach. and Equip. — Mower	18,930.00	8,500.00	10,430.00	55.10
01-4909.10-730 CO Imp. other than Bldgs. — Microfilm	300.00	200.00	100.00	33.33
01-4909.10-731 CO Imp. other than Bldgs. — Restoration	2,700.00	1,944.00	756.00	28.00
01-4909.10-732 CO Imp. other than Bldgs. — Niles Fund	5,000.00	1,147.49	3,852.51	77.05
01-4909.10-734 CO Imp. other than Bldgs. — Hazardous Waste	1,091.00	921.48	169.52	15.54
01-4909.10-739 CO FD Radios	1,500.00	1,422.13	77.87	5.19
• TOTAL • CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 424,521.00	\$ 293,455.10	\$ 131,065.90	30.87

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS — 20

		Appropriation	Disbursements	Unexpended Balance (overdraft)	Percent Under (over)
TRANSFERS TO					
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS					
01-4915.10-930	CRF Transfers to CRF	\$ 115,178.00	\$ 115,178.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
• TOTAL • TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS		\$ 115,178.00	\$ 115,178.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND —					
COMMUNITY FIELD					
01-4916.10-930	ET Maintenance — Community Field	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,098.24	\$ 5,401.76	72.02
• TOTAL • EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND —		\$ 7,500.00	\$ 2,098.24	\$ 5,401.76	72.02
Reimbursement: Expendable Trust Fund — Community Field		(\$ 2,098.24)			
• TOTAL • APPROPRIATED FUNDS —					
CURRENT YEAR		\$1,291,551.00	\$ 1,113,164.39	\$ 178,386.61	13.81

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED
Voted by the Town of ORFORD on March 9, 2004

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

Selectmen of the Town of Orford

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u>	<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
4130 – 4139	Executive	2	\$ 51,146
4140 – 4149	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	2	21,849
4150 – 4151	Financial Administration	2	41,349
4152	Revaluation of Property	2	5,600
4153	Legal Expense	2	9,500
4155 – 4159	Personnel Administration	2	48,871
4191 – 4193	Planning and Zoning	2	6,700
4194	General Government Buildings	2	17,072
4195	Cemeteries	2	12,993
4196	Insurance	2	15,073
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	2	1,047
4199	Other General Government	2	3,000
	<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>		
4210 – 4214	Police	2	66,170
4215 – 4219	Ambulance	2	16,365
4220 – 4229	Fire	2	20,165
4290 – 4298	Emergency Management	2	750
	<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>		
4312	Highways and Streets	2	253,331
4313	Bridges	2	6,000
4316	Street Lighting	2	4,700
	<u>SANITATION</u>		
4323	Solid Waste Collection	2	750
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	2	38,200
	<u>HEALTH</u>		
4414	Pest Control	2	7,062
4415 – 4419	Health Agencies and Hospitals and Other	2	6,060
	<u>WELFARE</u>		
4441 – 4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	2	4,500
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2	2,950

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED — 2**Voted by the Town of ORFORD on March 9, 2004**

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		Warr. Art. #	Appropriations as Voted
<u>Account #</u>	<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
4520 – 4529	Parks and Recreation	2	\$ 23,233
4550 – 4559	Library	2	26,199
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	2	125
	<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
4619	Other Conservation	2	1,600
	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>		
4711	Principal — Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	28,310
4721	Interest — Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	3,682
	<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>		
4901	Land	4	180,000
4902	Machinery, Vehicles and Equipment	5, 7	133,930
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	2, 6	113,091
	<u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	3	111,500
4916	To Expendable Trust Funds (except Health Maintenance Trust Fund)	8, 9, 13	8,678
TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS			<u>\$1,291,551</u>

SUMMARY OF REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUES
For the Town of ORFORD — 2004

RSA 21-J:34

Account #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art. #	For Use by Municipality
<u>TAXES</u>			
3121	Land Use Change Tax		\$ 9,500
3185	Timber Tax		19,343
3189	Other Taxes		736
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		2,250
	Inventory Penalties		1,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 per cubic yard)		120
<u>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</u>			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		190,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits and Fees		10,000
3311 – 3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (Cops Grant)		12,000
<u>FROM STATE</u>			
3351	Shared Revenues		8,761
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		38,067
3353	Highway Block Grant		52,227
3359	Other (including Railroad Tax) — PD Software Grant		1,085
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS (Rivendell — Comm. Field)		7,500
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</u>			
3401 – 3406	Income from Departments (Lien)		10,365
<u>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</u>			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	5, 7	26,930
3502	Interest on Investments		4,000
<u>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</u>			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	5, 6, 7	173,500
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds (Niles)	13	5,000
SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES			\$ 572,434
General Fund Balance			
	Less Voted from Fund "Surplus"	180,000	
	Less Fund Balance — Reduce Taxes	50,000	
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			<u>\$ 802,434</u>
REQUESTED OVERLAY (RSA 76:6)			<u>\$ 10,000</u>

2004 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County

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<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>	<u>2004 Assessed Valuation by City/Town</u>
VALUE OF <u>LAND ONLY</u>		
Current Use (<i>At Current Use Values</i>) RSA 79-A	24,507.190	\$ 1,129,970
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	30.00	64,200
Residential Land (<i>Improved and Unimproved Land</i>)	3,556.130	14,614,800
Commercial/Industrial (<i>DO NOT</i> include Public Utility Land)	19.500	71,800
Total of Taxable Land	28,112.820	15,880,770
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land (\$1,250,090)	1,735.050	
VALUE OF <u>BUILDINGS ONLY</u>		
Residential		\$ 49,217,354
Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		774,700
Commercial/Industrial (<i>DO NOT</i> include Public Utility Buildings)		1,237,840
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D		
Number of structures	2	111,900
Total of Taxable Buildings		51,341,794
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings (\$2,737,000.00)		
Public Utilities (see RSA 83-F:1V for complete definition)		
NH Electric Corp.		\$ 817,467
Central Vermont		462
Public Service of New Hampshire		389,032
U.S. Gen New England Inc.		117,289
Total of Electric Utilities		1,324,250
Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties		\$ 68,546,814
Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	(1) @ \$15,000	15,000
Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a & b		
Elderly Exemptions GRANTED: (age 80+)	(3) @ \$20,000	60,000
Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	(1) @ \$ 5,000	5,000
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions		\$ 80,000
Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is Computed		\$ 68,466,814
<u>Less Utilities</u>		\$ 1,324,250
Net Valuation without Utilities on which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is Computed		\$ 67,142,564

2004 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION — 2
Town of ORFORD in Grafton County

<u>Tax Credits</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Number of Individuals</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Credits</u>
Totally and permanently disabled veterans their spouses or widows and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty. RSA 72:35	\$1,400	1	\$ 1,400
Other war service credits. RSA 72:28	\$ 50	46	2,300
Total Number and Amount		47	\$ 3,700

Current Use Report (RSA 79-A)

	<u>Total No. of Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
Farm Land	1,574.61	\$ 294,240
Forest Land	8,503.36	489,860
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	13,434.06	337,430
Unproductive Land and Wetland	995.16	8,440
Total	24,507.19	\$1,129,970

Other Current Use Statistics	<u>Total No. of Acres</u>
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	7,778.01
Removed from Current Use during Current Year	7.06
	<u>Total No.</u>
Total No. of Owners in Current Use	162
Total No. of Parcels in Current Use	348

Discretionary Preservation Easements (RSA 79-D)
Historic Agricultural Structures

<u>Total Number of Structures in Discretionary Preservation Easements</u>	<u>Description of Discretionary Preservation Easements Granted (i.e., Barns, Silos, etc.) Map & Lot – Percentage Granted</u>
Total Number of Acres 30.0	Barn (8-29-54) 60% off Barn (8-93-69) 60% off
Assessed Valuation \$64,200 L/O 111,900 B/O	

2004 TAX RATE CALCULATION — Town of ORFORD

Gross Appropriations	1,291,551
Less: Revenues	802,434
Less: Shared Revenues	3,514
Add: Overlay	9,708
War Service Credits	3,700

Net Town Appropriation	499,011
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	499,011
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TOWN RATE
7.29

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. – Revenue)	0
Regional School Apportionment	2,168,009
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(262,319)
State Education Taxes	(333,304)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,572,386
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LOCAL
SCHOOL RATE
22.97

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$3.33
100,091,239	333,304
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
67,142,564	
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State →	0

STATE
SCHOOL RATE
4.96

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	182,037
Less: Shared Revenues	(1,153)

Approved County Tax Effort	180,884
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COUNTY RATE
2.64

TOTAL RATE
37.86

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,585,585
Less: War Service Credits	(3,700)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	2,581,885

PROOF OF RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	4.96	333,304
All Other Taxes	32.90	2,252,281
		2,585,585

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
TOWN-OWNED LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>LAND & BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT VALUE</u>
Cemeteries		
Dame Hill Cemetery	\$ 1,000	
Orford West Cemetery (Street Cemetery)	8,400	
Orford East Cemetery (Davistown)	12,600	
Equipment*		\$ 7,000
Fire Department		
Mobile Equipment*		8,000
Vehicles*		447,000
Hose & Rack*		1,000
Highway Department		
Land and Buildings	84,900	
Townshed Road/Gravel Pit	51,700	
Orfordville HWY Garage	4,200	
Mobile Equipment*		94,570
Vehicles*		447,078
Contents*		39,000
Library – Free Library		
Land and Building	81,900	
Furniture and Equipment*		10,000
Parks and Playgrounds		
Community Field	29,500	
Connecticut River Boat Landing	19,000	
East Common	23,000	
West Common	19,100	
Indian Pond Picnic Area	7,500	
Lower Baker – Boat Access	6,000	
Upper Baker Pond – Town Beach	27,100	
Mobile Equipment*		18,050
Police Department		
Vehicle*		35,256
Town Office (Includes Police Department)		
Land and Buildings	148,500	
Furniture and Equipment*		50,000
Conservation Commission		
Former Watkins Land	1,500 (Sunday Mountain Development)	
Former Richmond Land	24,100	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY — 2
TOWN-OWNED LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

<u>DEPARTMENTS</u>	<u>LAND & BUILDINGS ASSESSED VALUE</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT VALUE</u>
Additional Town Property		
Flat Rock	\$ 8,700	
Hall Land	5,500	
Huckins Hill Road	8,500	
Former Brookside Store Land	6,900	
Former Ducharme Property	26,300 (Adjacent to Boat Launch)	
	<u>\$605,900</u>	<u>\$1,206,954</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,812,854	

* Replacement Values for buildings, contents, vehicles and equipment are covered by PRIMEX.

** Land and building values should be doubled; town assessment at 51.5% in 2004.

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

TOWN OF ORFORD

December 31, 2004

Showing Annual Maturity of Outstanding Bond

FIRE TRUCK BOND (1995) — 5.2483%

<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Original Amount: \$98,000.00</u>
2005	<u>10,000.00</u>
	TOTAL \$10,000.00

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Orford, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Orford has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Orford as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Orford taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Orford. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Plodzick & Sanderson Professional Association
February 3, 2004

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year 2004

Unrestricted General Fund

Cash on Hand January 1, 2004 **\$ 1,236,987.06**

Revenue

Receipts: Tax Collector: Louise Mack	2,755,105.19
Receipts: Town Clerk: Louise Mack	230,419.35
Interest	5,360.89
Woodsville Guaranty Bank	353.24
Fleet Bank MBIA	5,007.65
Other Sources:	346,092.44
State of New Hampshire	104,857.35
Rivendell License Fee for Town Fields	7,500.00
U.S. Dept. of Interior payment in lieu of tax	1,781.00
Transfers from Trustee of Trust Funds	154,999.34
Federal Grants	7,250.91
Stale Checks Voided	501.57
Miscellaneous	67,524.26

Total Receipts **3,327,045.81**

Disbursements

Rivendell School District	3,238,925.00
Grafton County Tax	1,799,107.00
Bond and Loan Payments (includes interest)	182,037.00
Transfer to Trustee	34,054.18
Real Estate Purchase	123,070.63
New Truck and Mower purchase	180,000.00
Misc. Town Expenses	103,500.00
Balance	817,156.19
	1,325,107.87

Cash on Hand as of 12/31/04 **1,325,107.87**

Fleet Bank	466,945.50
Woodsville Guaranty Bank Register	669,942.30
Woodsville Deposits in January for '04	188,220.07

Restricted Funds Accounts

Conservation Commission Fund

Balance 12/31/03	10,689.02
Additions	16,795.07
Loan repayment	10,000.00
Disbursements	1,045.00
Interest	319.93
Balance 12/31/04	36,759.02

C.J. Cassel
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	2004	2003
Uncollected Taxes — Beginning of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue		\$ 50,530.89
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue		139,001.73
Yield Taxes		
Current Use		
Penalty Charges		1,173.00
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	\$ 1,195,751.00	0.00
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	1,384,991.00	0.00
Penalty Charges	4,412.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	21,633.27	0.00
Current Use	16,273.00	0.00
Gravel Tax	120.00	0.00
Refunded Overpayment Property Taxes	3,869.11	0.00
Overcharged on First Issue	948.00	0.00
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes		
1st Issue	2,807.14	4,588.66
2nd Issue	332.54	3,480.95
Yield	17.97	
Abatement Interest		
Current Use		
TOTALS	\$2,631,155.03	\$198,775.23
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	\$ 1,153,248.10	\$ 50,530.89
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	1,248,606.96	139,001.41
Yield Taxes	21,427.78	0.00
Gravel Tax	120.00	0.00
Penalty Charges	3,429.00	1,173.00
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	3,157.65	8,069.93
Current Use	12,388.00	0.00
Overpayment on Taxes	3,869.11	0.00
Overcharged on First Issue	948.00	0.00
Abatements Allowed		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	38.00	
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	105.00	
Yield Tax		0.00
Current Use	3,885.00	
Deeded to Town		
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year		
Property Taxes, 1st Issue	42,464.90	0.00
Property Taxes, 2nd Issue	136,279.04	0.00
Penalty Charges	983.00	0.00
Yield Tax	205.49	0.00
Current Use		
Gravel Tax		0.00
TOTALS	\$2,631,155.03	\$198,775.23

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

	2003	2002	2001
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
Beginning of Fiscal Year 1/1/04			\$31,338.58
Mortgage Fees		\$60,786.13 1,025.00	686.50
Taxes Executed to Town			
During Fiscal Year	\$68,821.74		
Mortgage Fees	975.00		
Interest Collected			
After Lien Execution	1,856.17	7,560.76	5,439.77
Interest Deeded to Town			
TOTAL DEBITS	\$71,652.91	\$69,371.89	\$37,464.85
Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year			
Redemption	\$38,640.38	\$36,072.01	\$14,223.41
Mortgage Fees	265.00	480.00	196.00
Interest and Cost after Lien	1,856.17	7,560.76	5,439.77
Abatements			
Property Taxes			
Mortgage			
Deeded to Town			
Interest			
Mortgage Fees			
Unredeemed Taxes			
	\$30,181.36	\$24,714.12	\$17,115.17
Mortgage Fees	710.00	545.00	490.50
TOTAL CREDITS	\$71,652.91	\$69,371.89	\$37,464.85

TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE REPORT
January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004

<u>TOTAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE</u>				<u>\$291,795.39</u>
Registration				
1830	Auto Permits Issued			
1629	Municipal Agent Functions			
Town Tax Collected				\$218,574.79
State Tax Collected				\$ 61,376.04
Town Clerk Fees				
1830	Registrations	@ \$1.00	\$ 1,830.00	
378	Title Applications	@ \$2.00	756.00	
145	Transfers	@ \$5.00	725.00	
1629	Municipal Agent	@ \$2.50	<u>4,072.50</u>	\$ 7,383.50
Boat Registration Revenue				\$ 419.06
Dog Licenses				
352	Licenses Issued		\$ 1,771.00	
	Late Penalties		225.00	
	Town Clerk Fees		<u>352.00</u>	\$ 2,348.00
Marriage Licenses				
13	Marriage Licenses Issued			
	State Revenue		\$ 494.00	
	Town Clerk Fees		<u>91.00</u>	\$ 585.00
Vital Record Copies				
21	Certified Copies Issued			
	State Revenue			
	21 Copies	@ \$8.00	\$ 168.00	
	0 Copies	@ \$5.00	0.00	
	Town Clerk Fees			
	21 Copies	@ \$4.00	84.00	
	0 Copies	@ \$3.00	<u>0.00</u>	\$ 252.00
U.C.C. Filings				\$ 840.00
Miscellaneous				\$ 14.00

TOWN CLERK'S ACCOUNT
January 1 — December 31, 2004

Boat Registrations

35 Registrations Issued	
State Fees Collected	\$ 883.00
Town Tax Collected	419.06
Boat Agent Fees	56.50

Total Boat Revenue		\$1,358.56
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OHRV Registrations

9 Registrations Issued	
State Fees Collected	\$ 487.00
OHRV Agent Fees	18.00

Total OHRV Revenue		\$ 505.00
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N.H. Fish & Game Dept. — Licenses/Duck Stamps Sold

17 Hunting/Fishing Licenses Issued	
State Fees Collected	\$ 697.50
Agent Fees Collected	29.00

Total N.H. Fish & Game Revenue		\$ 726.50
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Summary of Fees Paid to Town Clerk

Auto Fees	\$ 7,383.50
Boat Agent Fees	56.50
Certified Copy Fees	84.00
Dog License Fees	352.00
Fish and Game Fees	29.00
Marriage License Fees	91.00
OHRV Agent Fees	18.00
UCC Filing Fees	840.00

Total Fees	\$ 8,854.00
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DOG LICENSE FEES

Male or Female	\$ 9.00
Altered Animals	6.50
Senior Citizens: for one animal	2.00
Thereafter, the regular fee (owner over 65 years of age)	

License fee for a puppy (older than 4 months but younger than 7 months) is **\$6.50** for the first initial year.

Group Licenses

The minimum number of dogs required to qualify for a group license is five (5) dogs, and a standard fee of **\$20.00**.

Proof of rabies and altering is required.

All dogs should be licensed by **April 30, 2005** to avoid any penalty.

If your dog is not licensed with the Town of Orford by May 31, 2005, we will be obligated to inform the Orford Animal Control Officer of a violation of RSA 466:1. A civil forfeiture will be issued which carries with it a **\$25.00** fine plus late fees.

RABIES CLINIC

An Orford/Fairlee joint "Rabies Clinic" has been scheduled to be held on Wednesday, **March 9, 2005**, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at the Fairlee Fire Station. This has been arranged with the Oxbow Veterinary Clinic of Bradford, VT, and the Orford Town Clerk will be present. Attendance at this program is not only convenient, but offers these shots at a reduced rate.

Dog and Cat Rabies Vaccine	\$ 7.00
Other vaccines will be available.	

If people see an animal they suspect of being rabid, contact Roy Daisey, Orford Animal Control Officer, Orford Police Department or the NH Fish and Game Department.

RSA 436:99, II-VI requires that **all dogs and cats** have a rabies vaccine once they reach the age of **3 months**. The first rabies vaccine will be good for only one year, on a young dog or cat, but a two- or three-year vaccine will be given thereafter.

Rabies is a viral disease which attacks the central nervous system in mammals including wild animals, pets and **humans**. If untreated, it is almost always **fatal**.

Rabies is spread from a bite or contact with the saliva of an infected animal. An indication that an animal has rabies is a noted change in behavior, such as loss of normal fear of humans or a display of hostile actions. Rabies is impossible to diagnose without a medical test that can be done only after the infected mammal is dead.

Rabies is preventable. Dogs, cats, horses and other domestic animals can be vaccinated against the disease. If the vaccinated pet comes into contact with an infected animal, the disease will not spread. **However, humans that come into contact with the saliva from a rabid animal on their pet can get the disease.** If exposed to saliva from any animal which may be suspected of carrying rabies, the wound or infected area should be soaked for 10 minutes in soap and water prior to going to the emergency room of a hospital.

SELECTBOARD

This past year resulted in a few staff changes. Unfortunately, Gerald Pease decided to step down as Selectman. We thank him for his five years plus service on the Board. In many ways, his knowledge of Town history and experiences of living in Orford contributed to the Board's ability to keep issues in perspective and make conscientious decisions. We hope that sometime in the near future he will consider serving the public in another capacity. The Board appointed Paul Carreiro to serve until March 2005. Paul's objectivity and perceptions of the needs of the Town, as a newcomer, have contributed to a balanced consideration of issues that come before the Board. Due to increased responsibilities as police officer in Plainfield, NH, Ryan Porter terminated his role as an interim police officer while Police Chief Steve Calderwood was on military duty in Iraq. Agreeing that the Town needed more police presence than what the NH State Police could provide, in September 2004 the Board decided to hire Orford resident Todd Gray as a temporary full-time Police Officer. We thank him for doing a good job of protecting our citizens from harm. Steve is hoping to return from Iraq in March 2005 and, shortly after, to resume his duties as Police Chief. John Richardson returned to the Police Department as a volunteer to assist with administrative office duties that were neglected for several months due to the absence of a full-time officer. Brian Ricker joined the town highway crew as the third full-time person, taking the place of Keith Waterman who resigned. Paul Carreiro accepted the appointment as Emergency Management Director following the resignation of Mark Simmons. Although the Simmons family moved out of state, Pat, who was effective in initially setting up the Town's web site, agreed to continue to update the site.

As you authorized last year, a 2560 Kubota Diesel Front Mower with auto assist 4-wheel drive and a 2005 International Dump truck with an extended warranty were purchased. Keith Brooks, who continues to mow the Community Fields, Town Office and Common, is very pleased with the performance of the new mower. Road Agent Charlie Waterbury invites you to stop at the Town Garage to see the new truck, which arrived fully equipped in December 2004.

Unfortunately, the replacement of the bridge on Town Road 79 (Weeks Drive) was not completed as authorized and scheduled. Due to the rising costs, the approved appropriated funds in 2004 were not sufficient to meet the costs for construction. These additional funds are being requested in Article #9 of this year's Warrant.

As authorized in Town Meeting last year, the Board is pleased to report the purchase of 8.7 acres, which are contiguous to the Town Boat Access on the Connecticut River. A subcommittee was appointed by the Board to explore uses of the land that may include an upgrading of the boat access. The committee collaborated with NH Department of Fish and Game to develop a design, which is now being presented for Town vote in Article #12.

The closure of the old town dump has been completed and, except for the State's requirement of annual water testing of Jacob's Brook, there will be no further expenditure of public funds.

Other business throughout the year included a request to private landowners to remove uninspected and unregistered vehicles from their property or, otherwise, apply for a Junk Yard license (RSA 236). We thank all those who have complied and ask others who have not to please do so. It will be greatly appreciated by your neighbors and others who may drive by. Many property owners have removed land from current use for various reasons including subdivision and presumably housing construction.

SELECTBOARD — 2

The town is growing by leaps and bounds and the Board foresees an increase in services to meet the needs of the population. We will continue to be as fiscally conservative as possible and will be looking at ways in which town expenditures may be consolidated to keep the costs down. We welcome your ideas!

Orford's participation in Tree City USA and past Arbor Day celebrations received statewide recognition! In October, on behalf of the Town, Administrative Assistant Mary Greene, Selectman Ann Green, forester John O'Brien, and Tree Farmer Tom Thomson accepted the International Society Arboriculture Gold Leaf Award at the Society's New England Conference in Manchester, NH in recognition of the past three years' Arbor Day activities. To honor Arbor Day 2004, the Town planted three Prairie Fire Crab Apple trees on the Common, which were generously donated by Grace Dayton in memory of her husband and former resident, Daniel F. Dayton. We are planning to hold a fourth Arbor Day celebration next spring and, at the request of a resident, are looking into planting a disease resistant elm tree. As some may recall, elm trees once graced the Mall along Route 10. We will also be celebrating our fourth year designation as a Tree City USA. Article #6 reactivates the Tree and Replenishment Fund to keep one step ahead of the pileated woodpecker that has been seen hammering on the trees, and to keep Orford green. We also thank the Orford Garden Club for the flower landscaping, planters, and the birch trees at the corner of Route 25A and Brook Road. What a nice "welcome" to our town for residents and travelers alike!

After several false starts for which we apologize, Avitar Associates of New England began in December 2004 to update assessments of all properties in Orford to market value and will complete the process by September 2005. Upon completion, each resident will receive a booklet of all properties and the assessment of each. Avitar and the Selectboard will be available to review concerns from individual property owners.

During the year, the Town's recycling center began to accept certain plastic containers for recycling. We feel this to be a good step toward being environmentally conscientious in disposing of waste. We will continue to work with our private contractor, Floyd Marsh, towards expanding these services. We thank Floyd for continuing to pick up rubbish from all town-owned facilities at no charge.

It is expected that the project to restore the historic Orford Mall Walk along the east side of Route 10 (Main Street) will be implemented during the coming year.

The Board decided to begin the process of meeting Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 34 which is going to be a requirement of all town municipalities by year 2005 or otherwise they will receive an unqualified audit. This then may result in the Town not being eligible to receive a low interest bond whenever in need. This is a complex accounting system which at minimum requires the Town to complete an inventory of all capital assets, an analysis of trust funds, develop a policy on fixed assets to include a process for computing depreciation, and determine which funds are considered major, etc. We feel we can do much of the work with NH Municipal Resources assisting as needed.

As Orford resident Dot Pierson has so eloquently expressed in her poem, *Our Thanks to Volunteers*, we say "ditto" and sincerely appreciate the many who gave of their time and service. Whether as a member of a committee, organization, or as an individual, their assistance has greatly benefited the town and the lives of our citizens, young and old. Last, but not least, we encourage you to attend our meetings. The Board is at "your service." If you have a concern or suggestion, please don't discuss it with your neighbor only, but also come to the Board for resolution and/or follow-up. Citizen participation contributes to a town government that has "firsthand" knowledge of the interests and concerns of the community, and is fair and accountable.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In 2004, the Orford Volunteer Fire Department responded to 62 calls.

Mutual Aid	10	Car Fires	1
Fire Alarms	8	Carbon Monoxide	3
Car Accidents	4	Structure Fires	1
Chimney Fires	3	Medical Calls	30
Power Lines	2		

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Dennis
Fire Chief

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Orford maintains three public cemeteries with one seasonal worker. Three elected Cemetery Commission members administer the operation.

We obtain appropriations from the Town and from the Trustees of Trust Funds. In 2004, we received \$10,243 from the Town and \$2,500 from the Perpetual Care Trust Funds. We spent \$12,266.42 total: wages \$11,320.49; supplies \$466.05; equipment \$479.88. We have a balance in our checking account of \$1,140.61 as of 12/31/04.

Monies received from the perpetual care are invested by the Trustees of Trust Funds and we are allowed to spend only the interest earned from these accounts. Because interest has been so low, we need to depend more heavily on the Town for financing.

We have an ongoing project to replace fencing which has been financed by the Town. In 2002–2003, the Town appropriated a total of \$10,500. As of 12/31/04, we have spent \$7,681, leaving a balance of \$2,819 which has been encumbered by the Selectboard for use in 2005.

Fence longevity at best is 15–20 years. Current cost for fencing is \$10–15 per foot depending on the amount of volunteer labor.

The commission is gathering information from surrounding communities to revise regulations and perpetual care charges for our cemeteries in an attempt to strengthen our financial foundation.

The Commission recognizes Kurt Gendron for his commitment in maintaining our cemeteries and keeping them in a well-groomed condition.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Brown
Paul Messer
Joe Arcolio

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Landowners in Orford might consider donating land for establishing a Town Forest, open space, or land that preserves a view, farm field, or wildlife habitat. Anyone may donate money to the Conservation Commission fund, or provide a gift to the people of Orford in their will. This preservation is critical at this time as the Upper Valley and Orford will face a period of growth in the next decade that many people may not realize is happening. Open space once lost is gone forever. A longtime past resident, Hilda Richmond of Exeter, NH, rose to the call and donated an eleven-acre parcel north of town. This land, that is to be known as the Richmond Family Conservation Land, was given to honor the memory of Gould (Dick) Richmond. It is for the enjoyment of the residents of Orford and is to be managed by the Orford Conservation Commission.

We welcome input from all of you as we move forward with the management plan. Areas of interest include an access drive, parking for several vehicles, hiking trail(s), use of the prime agricultural land, wildlife and plant inventories, and possible informational displays. To date, Sarah Schwaegler has identified over 100 species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and ferns. These include lovely spring-blooming wildflowers, many common native plants, a few native species that prefer rich, less-acid soil than is typical of New Hampshire, and a fair show of invasive alien plants. A map of The Richmond Conservation Land was made, showing the approximate location of the parcel's survey boundaries overlaid on an aerial photo.

The Orford Conservation Commission, in collaboration with Ginny DiFrancisco of Grafton County Extension Services, has continued to assess the quality of water in Orford's streams in 2004. Three sampling sites on Jacob's Brook and one site on Archertown Brook have been selected. Each month, from August through October, measurements were taken on dissolved oxygen, acidity, temperature, nitrogen, phosphorus, and electrical conductivity. In October, e-coli bacteria, mercury, and arsenic were also measured. Contamination levels are well below EPA thresholds and do not pose a hazard for human or animal use. Conversely, measures of good water characteristics that foster growth and survival of aquatic species are substantially above EPA thresholds. We expect to develop 6-month (May through October) baseline measures for streams by the end of 2005.

I would like to thank, in public, Mrs. Hilda Richmond for her foresightedness and generosity. A gift like this will continue to enrich the folks here in town for as long as there is a town. A heartfelt "thank you" to the hardworking members and alternates serving on the Commission.

We look forward to exploring new ways to help Orford's progress into the future be guided by the people of Orford, not left to the whims of outside influences.

Bry Beeson, Chair
Sarah Schwaegler
Emily Bryant
Tom Thomson
Bill McKee

Charlie Waterbury
Tom Bubolz
Bruce Schwaeglar, Alternate
Rob Day, Alternate
Sally Tomlinson, Alternate

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In mid-summer I was nominated and installed to assume the duties of Emergency Management Director for Mark Simmons who departed for the warmer weather of tropical Florida. I would like to acknowledge his efforts and coordination with various local groups, all of whom worked to enable the Town to complete two important documents during his tenure.

The first, Orford's Hazard Mitigation Plan, was finished this year and will enable the Town to apply for future Federal grants and post-disaster assistance funding. The second, the Emergency Management Plan, was also completed but will have to be reviewed in 2005 to meet evolving Department of Homeland Security guidelines.

The 2003 Homeland Security I and II Grants (\$5,000.00) were both utilized to purchase necessary radios and accessory equipment for Orford law enforcement officers to maintain vital communications during any emergency. Unfortunately, due to a restructuring of the disbursement process for 2004 funds, we anticipate receiving no money in the 2005 year. We will have to wait for the new administration in Concord to reach a decision on how assistance for 2005 will be appropriated to NH communities.

Additional activities included an autumn walk-through of the Academy with Chief Dennis and Officer Gray, training with State Emergency Management groups and obtaining books on personal security planning from the State EM Bureau and distribution to business, school, town, and library offices on both sides of the river.

On the agenda for 2005 will be the opportunity to revisit the issue of securing an emergency generator for the Rivendell Academy building, Orford's designated emergency shelter. Regrettably, Federal and State funding are no longer available for generator purchase and the generator that had once been obtained for this purpose, through the diligent efforts of both Rita Pease and Charles Waterbury, proved incompatible with the infrastructure of the building. I hope that dialogue can soon be established with the school board on how best this matter can be approached and achieved in an economical way that will prove as useful to the school as it will to the Town.

If there are questions related to emergency management, please feel free to contact me through the Town Administrative Assistant.

Paul Carreiro, A-PA
Emergency Management Director

HIGHWAY

2004 was another good year for us. The mild winter and easy spring made it possible for us to get a good amount of brush cut alongside the roads and with mud season minimal this year, we were able to get an early start on ditching. Mowing of every road in town was done in August.

The new Town truck was put into service late in the year and is serving us very well, along with the other excellent equipment the townspeople have provided.

Paving this year started at the intersection of Archertown and Route 10 and stopped at High Bridge Road, due to the high increase in price that kept us from going to the top of the hill. The old surface was ground up, gravel was added, and a new wear surface laid down. This method is new to us, but it should give us many years of durability.

Road usage is on the rise and the Highway Department will continue to try new methods to keep up with the increasing demands on our infrastructure.

Thank you all for your support in 2004 and we look forward to 2005.

Charles Waterbury
Road Agent

PAVING SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN OF ORFORD

YEARS		2 0 0 4	2 0 0 5	2 0 0 6	2 0 0 7	2 0 0 8	2 0 0 9	2 0 1 0	2 0 1 1	2 0 1 2	2 0 1 3	2 0 1 4
ARCHERTOWN	19,120 feet											
Rt. 10 to Bridge	4,880 feet											
Bridge to top of Hill	1,500 feet											
Top of Hill to Hadlock's	6,500 feet											
Hadlock's to Indian Pond	6,240 feet											
BROOK ROAD	1,890 feet											
DUBLIN ROAD	1,380 feet											
GRIMES HILL	2,600 feet											
INDIAN POND	4,100 feet											
RIVER ROAD	4,260 feet											
TOWNSHED	6,190 feet											
UPPER BAKER	5,680 feet											
25A to Sunset Camp	3,000 feet											
Sunset to Prettyman	2,680 feet											

TOTAL 45,250 FEET or 8.6 miles

At the old rate of \$25,000 per year we were doing about 3,000 ft. or 15 years to complete all roads.

At the current rate of \$50,000 per year we have cut the time in half (7 to 8 years).

If we were to increase the paving budget to \$75,000 per year, we'd be back on your road every 5 years.

ORFORD VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE

YEARS	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT																				
1997 Truck #1	■								■											
Truck #2				■						■								■		
1 Ton Truck		■					■										■			
Loader/Backhoe					■													■		
1986 Grader			■																	
POLICE DEPARTMENT																				
Cruiser			■								■								■	
FIRE DEPARTMENT																				
Fire Engine Truck #1									■											
Pumper Engine #3														■						
Rescue Equipment Truck																				■
CEMETERY																				
Large Mower				■									■							■
PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS																				
Mower	■				■													■		

*Years for replacement are subject to change dependent upon need.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department of DES at 1-800-498-6868 or **www.des.state.nh.us** for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or on-line at **www.nhdf.org**.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months; however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

Gerald Pease
Fire Warden
353-9070

2004 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported as of November 18, 2004)

<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>			<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
Arson	15	2004	462	147
Campfire	41	2003	374	100
Children	12	2002	540	187
Smoking	19	2001	942	428
Debris	201			
Railroad	1			
Merrimack	104			
Equipment	5			
Misc.*	163			
*Misc: (powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)				

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY

The year 2004 was a busy and productive one at the Free Library. Our librarian, Laurel Fulford, has worked hard to meet the needs of patrons and provides a welcoming and friendly presence. The library has seen an increase both in the number of patrons (2,027) and the number of materials loaned (2,293). We are gratified by this growth and are pleased to provide programs and services to the people of Orford.

Many programs were held at the library. Events for children, young adults and families included: a mud season game night, twice monthly Bedtime Story Hours, monthly Sunday afternoon crafts, the Summer Reading Program, Halloween pumpkin carving and the Holiday Open House Programs for adults included: the regular Saturday morning meetings of the Ville Quilters, a poetry reading, the book discussion series — Uncharted Territory — led by Suzanne Brown, and a field trip to Esqua Bog.

The library provided a wide variety of services. In addition to loaning books, the library has developed an extensive collection of audio and video materials including books on tape, music and movies for children and adults. There are also puzzles and games for patrons to borrow. We have a computer, copier and fax machine available for patron use. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, the library had free passes to both the Squam Lake Natural Science Center and VINS available for use. The library also provided meeting space for community groups such as the Historical Society.

We are always grateful to volunteers for their help, but this year we have been especially blessed. We would like to thank Barbara Hall, Sandra Beaumier, Sam, Christina and Samantha Fulford, Arthur Boynton and Paula Pomeroy for giving their time to the library. Sally and Joe Arcolio did a tremendous job painting and repairing our windows and installing new storm doors. Additionally, Joe was instrumental in carrying out other improvements and repairs to the building and grounds including a new signboard, brush clearing and repair of our drop box. The Lions Club performed the wondrous feat of repainting our children's ell and the white trim around the building. The Garden Club helped with the sprucing up of the grounds and the beautiful Christmas decorations. Charlie Waterbury and the town crew helped with the cleanup of the grounds projects. We would also like to thank all those who have donated items to the library throughout the year. It is really a testament to the efforts of many people and organizations that our library is such a thriving and busy place.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Friends of the Orford Libraries for their financial support of the library. Much of the growth and many of the special projects at the library could not happen without this support. We also extend our thanks to the Ville Quilters for making the beautiful zinnia quilt that was raffled for the benefit of the library. Our annual Book and Bake Sale was successful, thanks to the donations of books and baked goods by many individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Trustees:
Susan Kling, Carol Boynton, Christie Manning

Librarian:
Laurel Fulford

ORFORD FREE LIBRARY — 2

2004

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 2004	\$ 4,537.77
Town of Orford	10,403.00
Book/Bake Sale	422.00
Interest	8.50
Computer/Copier Services	144.00
Gifts	645.00
Grant	640.80
Miscellaneous	50.00
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	\$16,851.07

Expenditures

Books	\$ 1,449.77
Multimedia	153.89
Magazines	79.95
Librarian	5,200.00
FICA/SS	397.80
Dues/Memberships	255.00
Fuel/Heat	1,476.84
Maintenance/Repair	98.51
Building Improvements	807.01
Programs	704.88
Postal	42.00
Telephone	760.34
Electric	309.76
Copier/Library Supplies	526.65
Meetings/Mileage	53.60
Computer/Internet Services	179.40

Program Materials 62.59

Balance in checking account December 31, 2003 \$ 4,293.08

\$16,851.07

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY — 2004

Statistics for the Year:

Patrons using the library: 6,230

Circulation of materials: 7,760

Volunteers: 12 regular weekly volunteers with several others helping on occasion

Volunteer hours contributed: 670

Regular Programs:

- Preschool story hours, twice a month
- Weekly Chess Club during the school year
- Book discussion series
- Monthly Crafter's Evening started in the fall
- Summer Reading Program in collaboration with the Orford Free Library

Special Events:

- Sled Dog evening program
- Valentine Dessert Potluck
- Dr. Seuss Birthday festivities
- Wildlife Photography Slide Show and Exhibit
- Poem on a Postcard, featuring a local artist and wide community participation
- Community Potluck Picnic
- Young Adult Summer Book Buddies book discussion and Cartoon Workshop
- Ice Cream Social
- Barn Dance
- Craft Workshops
- Halloween Party for preschool children and their families
- Ladybug Picture Book Award and Great Stone Face Award participating library and voting site
- Tree Trimming and Holiday Celebration

Grants Received:

- Kids, Books and the Arts Grant to host a magician/storyteller as part of our Summer Reading Program

Collaboration with the Local Schools:

- Visitations by the librarian to the Elementary School for special presentations
- Participation by some of the classes in our Poem on a Postcard event
- Displayed students' artwork
- Ongoing curriculum support by providing books to several teachers
- Post information about school events and meetings

Use of the facility by the community: Six community organizations or working subcommittees use the library for meetings.

ORFORD SOCIAL LIBRARY — 2
FINANCIAL REPORT 2004

INCOME

Town of Orford	\$15,000.00
Fund-raising – General	\$ 9,670.00**
Fund-raising – Capital	\$ 5,479.00
Book Funds – New Gifts	\$ 435.78
Other Funds – New Gifts	\$ 1,010.10
State of NH Grants	\$ 300.00
Friends of the Orford Libraries Gift	\$ 3,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 17.88
Book Sale	\$ 1,150.60
Copier	\$ 408.42
Redemption from Investments	\$ 4,000.00

\$45,794.19

EXPENSE

Books and Magazines	\$ 4,526.08
Librarian – Net	\$10,445.15
Librarian's Assistant – Net	\$ 1,923.24
Payroll tax	\$ 2,788.10
Capital Improvements	\$11,539.70
Fund-raising Expenses	\$ 1,255.06
NH Grant Book Discussion/Arts Programs	\$ 300.00
Insurance	\$ 1,748.00
Electricity	\$ 718.78
Heat & Water	\$ 2,038.00
Telephone	\$ 1,046.23
Cleaning	\$ 885.02
Library Supplies	\$ 810.11
Computer	\$ 853.80
Maintenance	\$ 579.26
Copier	\$ 357.71
Miscellaneous	\$ 475.07
Cash on Hand as of 12/31/2004:	\$ 3,504.88

\$45,794.19

**Total includes 800.00 anonymous donation to offset fund-raising expenses.

NILES FUND COMMITTEE

The Niles Fund Committee was formed in 1988 to disperse, by request, the interest on a gift of \$50,000 to the Town of Orford by Mrs. Lenore Niles. Both Mr. and Mrs. Niles, who moved to Orford in 1950, had a deep affection for our town and its people. Mrs. Niles passed away in 1988 and left this generous and unrestricted gift to be used for the betterment of Orford and its residents.

The Niles Fund Committee met 3 times from January through December 2004, and approved the following projects for funding: \$450 was approved toward the hiring of the Maple Leaf Jazz Band and the Upper Valley Band to take part in the Orford/Fairlee 4th of July festivities. This grant was made in conjunction with a grant in the same amount from the Town of Fairlee. A grant of \$500 was approved to the Rivendell Project Graduation Committee to be used toward the 2004 community sponsored graduation celebration. \$184 was approved for the Orford Garden Club to purchase and plant a clump of Heritage birch at the junction of Brook Road and Rte. 25A on the piece of land formerly housing the store.

The Niles Fund Committee is currently considering applications for financial assistance for projects which would benefit the Town of Orford. Applications are available at the Selectboard's Office. Scheduled dates for the 2005 Niles Committee Meetings are January 13th, April 21st, and September 22nd; 6:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. These dates are subject to change in the interim so please confirm with the Administrative Assistant if you are submitting an application.

Respectfully submitted,
The Niles Fund Committee

PLANNING BOARD

Subdivision activity:

- Approved 17 building lots net increase of 10 lots
- Approved 5 lot line adjustments no net increase of lots

In response to the continued increased activity level and the request for consideration of smaller lots, the Board took the following action:

1. Developed and approved a standardized shared driveway agreement to insure responsibility for driveway maintenance and encourage sharing of driveways to lessen intersections with main roads.
2. Revised the Subdivision Regulations to better define Accessory Building and Accessory Structures.
3. Approved an addition to the regulations incorporating NHDES developed "soils based lot sizing" to insure safe waste disposal on lots less than 2 acres.

The Land Use Subcommittee brought a draft zoning proposal to the Board at mid-year. After many discussion sessions, a general town-wide meeting was held November 8 to seek guidance from the public as to the next step. Approximately 70 residents attended. The general consensus was that the Board should continue developing a zoning ordinance for presentation at the March 2006 Town Meeting. Files containing extensive information regarding zoning and the committee's studies have been placed at both libraries.

The Board continues to contract with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for the services of a Planning Assistant. Mr. Peter Dzewaltowski is available to answer applicant's questions and assist preparing applications for action by the Board. To best utilize his time, he will not be in Orford on a fixed day per month schedule but is available by appointment to best match applicants' schedules. Please call the UVLSRPC in Lebanon at (603) 448-1680.

We were saddened at the death of alternate Guy Hebb who served the Board faithfully for many years. The Board extends its deepest sympathy to his family.

Planning Board officers elected at the March 2004 meeting:

<i>Chairman</i>	Paul Dalton	<i>Secretary</i>	Andrew Schwaegler
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Sam Hanford	<i>Selectmen's Rep.</i>	David Bischoff

Other Members: David Coker, Elizabeth Bischoff and Ruth Cserr. Andy Locke and David Green were appointed alternates for three-year terms.

We urge more citizens to become involved with the Board, as the need to manage growth becomes ever more challenging. Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Niles room. It's your town. Help keep it that way.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dalton, Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is my privilege to present the annual report for the Orford Police Department for the fiscal year 2004.

As you know, after the resignation of Michael LaChapelle in December 2002, the Orford Police Department was without a Chief of Police for approximately 1 year. During this period, volunteer part-time police officer, John Richardson, did an outstanding job of keeping the Orford Police Department operational until a new police chief could be hired.

In the fall of 2003, the Town of Orford hired Steve Calderwood as the new Chief of Police. Chief Calderwood was almost immediately called for active duty in the war in Iraq and was deployed in January of 2004. During Chief Calderwood's brief amount of time on the job, he was able to start the task of updating the computer programs with a grant he obtained through the New Hampshire Highway Safety Department. Chief Calderwood also purchased some very much needed office equipment and updated the Orford Police Department's operating policies and procedures. He hired part-time officer Ryan Porter from the Town of Plainfield to work part-time in Orford in his absence while stationed in Iraq. Unfortunately, Officer Porter was unable to commit to the high level of activity in Orford and felt it was in the best interest of the Town of Orford to fill the position full time.

After spending over a year working for the Haverhill Police Department, I could not pass up the opportunity to work in Orford. It was a decision my wife and I felt would benefit both our family and the community. Since returning to work for the Orford Police Department in September of 2004, I have been able to accomplish a number of things which I believe will be of benefit to the department. The first was to rehire Officer John Richardson, who brings a lot of knowledge about the past 7 or 8 years of activity in the Orford Police Department. His commitment to volunteer his time is highly commendable. Since September, Officer Richardson and I have continued to organize and update the computer programs, purchase office equipment and create a filing system. All of these things are essential to the daily operations of the department, allowing us to work as productively and efficiently as possible. While Officer Richardson is primarily engaged in the above projects, I spend the majority of my time in the daily activity of police operations, responding to calls for service, proactive patrol, accidents and effecting arrests. All of these operations happen much more frequently than one might like to believe.

There are, however, 168 hours in a week. One person cannot be expected to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Moreover, the average police call does not usually happen during regular business hours. Orford needs a full-time officer and I am asking for your support in voting to fund my full-time police officer position at Town Meeting.

I came to the Orford Police Department with a knowledge of our community and the people who live here. Given a choice, I'm sure you will agree that having an officer familiar with the town and its residents is beneficial to everyone. I promise I will be working every day to keep our community a safe place in which to live. Like you, I want to keep the peace that we all enjoy living in a small town.

Thank you for all the support you give the Orford Police Department. Your officers will continue to provide a police department that our community will be proud of.

Respectfully,
Officer in Charge
Todd Gray

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Animal Control Officer responded to 135 calls for service in 2004 — 72 being domestic animals and 63 being wild animals.

Even though there were cases of rabid animals in New Hampshire, there have been no confirmed cases in Orford.

It is important that all domestic animals be vaccinated and that all dogs and cats not be allowed to roam freely.

There are pamphlets available at the Orford Post Office or the Orford Town Offices about West Nile disease.

Roy Daisey
Animal Control Officer

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The Parks and Playgrounds Committee has the responsibility and supervision of several public areas in town. They include the beaches at Indian Pond and Upper and Lower Baker Pond, the Community Field on Rt. 25-A, the Common on Main Street and the Connecticut River boat launch. Maintenance includes mowing, trimming, raking, seeding and fertilizing fields; repairing or replacing fences; installing and removing the docks and floats. Supervision includes issuing permits to teams, clubs and other organizations for their use of our facilities and supplying trash receptacles and portable toilets to these areas.

This year a new sign was installed at Community Field. Projects that are in the works are new floats for Indian Pond, and getting the basketball court resurfaced. We would like to thank all who came out to help on Green Up Day this year. We do this every year on the first Saturday in May.

We also would like to thank our local services: Floyd Marsh Rubbish Removal, K&R Portable Toilets, Keith Brooks and Gary Spaulding.

The Committee still does not support the idea of enlarging the Connecticut River boat launch facility. Enlarging this area will only draw more people and boaters to the area. We feel that the facility should be left to operate as it has for the past 50 years. This area of the river is small, and the launch should remain small.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Perry
John O'Brien
Nate Tullar
Tim Ruff
Brad McCormack

SKI PROGRAM

The CSO Unified Ski represents the continuation of individual town programs dating back to the 1960's. It offers beginner, intermediate and advanced instruction in alpine skiing and snowboarding on six consecutive Thursday afternoons starting in early January at the Dartmouth Skiway in Lyme, NH. It is the program policy to cancel only when school is canceled to avoid confusion and help parents know where their children are.

The program is open to all school-age residents of Orford, Fairlee, West Fairlee and Vershire and to all students in the Rivendell Interstate School District. Bus transportation is provided to and from the Skiway. Each town funds much of the Unified Ski Program through an annual appropriation based on student enrollment. Students are charged a fee for use of the Dartmouth Skiway and liability insurance.

The early snows in December and January provided a great base cover and the Skiway was able to make significant "snow" due to the very cold temperatures. Both contributed to great conditions all year. However, the frigid temperatures continued right through February resulting in the 6th coldest winter on record. One week was canceled when the Skiway closed for the day to avoid frostbite. We were fortunate to have approximately 54 volunteers with 30 ski instructors, 5 snowboard instructors, 9 substitutes and 10 off-snow helpers. There were 122 registered participants for skiing and 27 for snowboarding. Administration of this size program is a challenge but so well worth it! It is gratifying to see the progress made by all levels of our students. Traditionally, the last week is a "Carnival" with races and refreshments for all participants. It serves as both a fun ending to the season and a "final exam" to test proficiency. Results show we have a well-grounded program for all levels from getting the first-timers up on the big hill to challenging the top levels. The top skiers from the CSO program have moved on to form the 2-year-old Rivendell Academy Ski Team. We take great pride to have developed qualified competitive athletes.

Again, thanks to all who offered their time and talents to continue providing an unequalled opportunity for our children to learn and enjoy the lifelong sports of alpine skiing and snowboarding. Remember that we need you back next year along with more of your neighbors. Start recruiting now to make your jobs easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Dalton, Kathy Landgraf,
Kelley Marshall and Holly Daisey

SWIM PROGRAM

The 2004 Orford swim program at Indian Pond ran for three weeks this summer, July 26 through August 13. Our new Red Cross instructor was Abbey Axelrod-Dixon, who had the experience and confidence to work with the challenging conditions of our full-day program. The cooler summer kept the water temperature lower than ideal for classes, which impacted attendance, especially with the younger children.

However, we were able to complete a solid program, and students worked hard to perfect their swim stroke technique. Participating in the program were 42 Orford children and 15 Piermont children. Almost half of the swimmers received their Red Cross cards, signifying mastery of the skills in their levels.

Six of our program graduates helped this year as instructor aides. They were Jonathan Cook, Mallory Gafas, Samantha Fulford, Christina Fulford, Jackson Ruff, and David Hook. Without them, we would not be able to teach so many young swimmers. We are also grateful to Kate Cook of Piermont, who filled in as substitute instructor on days when the regular teacher could not be here. Her knowledge of the skills and her willingness to help are a great support to our swim program.

Again this year, I want to thank all the parents and volunteers who help in so many ways to make this program safe and successful. Thanks go out to Brad and Trevor McCormack and Randy Perry who put the dock and floats in and out of the pond, and to Heidi Peyton for organizing the wonderful potluck picnic. Many others helped with beach supervision, paperwork, food, and transportation. The children are a pleasure to work with.

This was my last year directing the Orford swim program. Some dedicated volunteers have stepped forward to continue the program in 2005. Anyone else wishing to be on this committee can still contact me at 353-4877. Swim lessons are offered free to Orford children, and to nonresidents on a fee basis.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Miller

GARDEN CLUB

The goal of the Garden Club is to enhance and beautify key visible sites in town and help instill a sense of fellowship and pride in the process. Club members are responsible for the planting and maintenance (mulching, weeding and watering) of the island at the junction of Route 10 and Bridge Street, and the planting and upkeep of the barrels on the bridge and planters on the WWI Memorial. This has been made possible by town funding, donations, and access to an outdoor faucet at Patterson's Grocery & Deli, and the time and resources donated by our small core of volunteers. We will continue to do this in 2005 and hope to do a different theme this summer. We would welcome any suggestions.

For the second year in a row the Garden Club assisted the Trustees of the Orford Social Library in decorating their fund-raising kickoff square dance in September. Our second project this fall was to have a birch tree planted at the junction of Route 25 and Brook Road, formerly a store and gas station along Jacob's Brook, with plans for more perennial plantings in the future. In late fall, Garden Club members also donated time to an ongoing pruning and tree cutting project at the Orford Free Library, initiated by other residents of the town.

Since the holiday season of 2001, the Garden Club has decorated the Orford Post Office, the Orford Free Library and the Town Offices. This includes lighting trees, hanging wreaths, garlands and other greens. This has been made possible through town funds and generous donations of local businesses and residents.

The Orford Garden Club functions with a small, dedicated group of volunteers, and recognizes and is grateful for the support we receive from the town, local businesses and residents. We look forward to continuing to serve the community.

Sara Day

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as the future of the hydro dam ownership and status of boating law enforcement on the river to economic development initiatives in the valley. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

In 2004, the Commissions stimulated a water quality assessment of the entire 275 miles of river shared by New Hampshire and Vermont. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency led the study to bring reliable information to those using the river and planning for its future. CRJC also sponsored a major study of the river's behavior in the North Country, to better understand the reasons for erosion and how the river moves through its valley.

With the support of the four US Senators from New Hampshire and Vermont, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including the new Lebanon Trails and Recreation Map, a natural resources inventory for the Waits River headwaters, several river access projects, a stream study of the Stevens River, and farmland conservation in Claremont.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway, including one to be located in the old railroad station building in Fairlee. This year we won a federal grant to provide signage for each of them, and created a video about the river valley, *Welcome to the Heart of New England*. CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at www.crjc.org for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

Carl Schmidt
Orford Representative

UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, scenic views, and more, including the practical question of whether all our towns are prepared for emergency water rescues. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Subcommittee consists of representatives from the ten Vermont and New Hampshire towns along the river between Lebanon/Hartford and Piermont/Bradford. It continues to carry out its legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns, and local landowners on projects near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on riverbank projects, advising landowners on dock proposals, and following the continued commercial and highway developments in West Lebanon.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal or riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All riverfront landowners should be aware that, to help protect the river and its natural resource values for future generations, the New Hampshire Shoreland Protection Act applies to all property along the Connecticut River (and to the shoreland of Upper and Lower Baker ponds and Indian and Mason ponds). This means that an area of “protected shoreland” has been created, extending 250 feet back from the edge of the water. Within that area, certain activities which can be harmful to the river are regulated or prohibited. These include:

- Installation of a dock or alteration of a bank or beach is to be approved by a state permit.
- Any new primary structures are to be set back at least 50 feet.
- Prohibition of fertilizer and pesticide use within 25 feet of the water's edge.
- Maintenance, where existing, of a natural woodland buffer within 150 feet of the water's edge.

Information about the provisions and requirements of the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act may be obtained by contacting the Shoreland Outreach Coordinator at the N.H. Department of Environmental Services (603) 271-7109, or at the DES web site, www.state.nh.us/des.

There is currently a vacancy in Orford's representation on the Subcommittee. Citizens interested in representing the Town should contact the selectboard. The Upper Valley Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the third Monday evening of every other month, at the Thetford Bicentennial Building. More information, including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* is on the web at www.crjc.org/localaction.htm.

Carl Schmidt
Orford Representative

UPPER VALLEY AMBULANCE, INC.

To the Citizens of the Communities we Proudly Serve:

We are pleased to present our 14th annual report to the citizens we serve. Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. has continually provided emergency and non-emergency ambulance service to our eight (now, nine) communities since July 1, 1990. In the past fourteen years, Upper Valley has responded to over 19,000 ambulance calls. This year we will have responded to over 900 requests for emergency medical assistance from the nine communities we serve.

Corinth voted to join at last year's Town Meeting. They are the ninth town served by UVA. We are very pleased to provide emergency services to a larger portion of Vermont and New Hampshire. 2004 has proven to be a challenging year from a business perspective. We have had a difficult time finding qualified employees in a tight labor market. We continue to absorb double-digit increases in health insurance, workers compensation, and liability insurance. Reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid and most other payors continues to lag well behind the actual cost of providing service. Despite this, we strive to continue providing a high level of service.

2005 should be no different. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which placed ambulances on a fixed fee schedule was implemented in 2002 and "adjustments" are ongoing. Insurance rates continue to climb, and the job market remains tight. UVA continues to practice conservative fiscal management. After countless hours of discussion and thought, the UVA Board of Directors have approved the 2005 budget reflecting no increase in our request of \$15.00/per capita.

The cornerstone of Upper Valley Ambulance is our personnel. We are proud to have paramedic level EMTs staffing our ambulances. The clinical equipment is updated and hands-on training is ongoing. Further training allows Critical Care Paramedics to transport critical patients with the complex equipment between hospitals.

Our Domicile Risk Assessment Program, "Home Sweet Home . . . Home Safe Home" continues to grow. Members of Upper Valley Ambulance trained in identifying hazards in and around your home will meet with you to offer recommendations for a safer home environment. This no cost program was developed to reduce risks around your home and help you identify hazards in the hopes of preventing an injury from occurring. We strongly urge everyone to take advantage of this free program. If you would like to schedule an assessment, or would like to volunteer to assist us with this worthwhile program, please give our office a call.

Many of you are familiar with our Subscription Service. The yearly membership fee of \$40 entitles you to medically necessary emergency medical services at no additional cost to you. Applications are available at your local Town Offices, or at our business office on Lake Morey Road in Fairlee.

We encourage you to join your friends and neighbors who stop by to visit, or to have their blood pressure checked at our Lake Morey Road facility. Please feel free to contact John Vose, Administrator or your Town Representative, if you have any questions concerning our service.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. The Board of Directors, Administration and employees of Upper Valley Ambulance, Inc. will continually strive to provide the highest quality emergency medical care at the lowest possible cost to all the citizens we serve.

Larry A. Lancaster, Chair
Board of Directors

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area work together towards balanced growth through UVLSRPC membership. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire-only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection priorities, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness of state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.
- Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.
- Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Collected traffic data in 22 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize a conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers, and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of storm water runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; storm water management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.
- Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.
- Developed new web site — www.uvlsrc.org — to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at tbamford@uvlsrc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford
Executive Director

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION AND HOSPICE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE
Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services

The VNA and Hospice is like the local police and fire departments — a strategic part of the community's safety net — with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Regardless of ability to pay, we are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Orford to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

- Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term or chronic illness. Many such patients are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.
- Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through Hospice they have that control.
- Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients include fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following services this past year (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004):

Home Care		Family Support Services	
Skilled Nursing	365	Families served	3
Physical Therapy	109	Individuals served	12
Speech Therapy	0	Home Visits	5
Occupational Therapy	21	Fatherhood Program, Dads served	3
Medical Social Worker	2		
Home Health Aide	909	WIC (Women, Infants and Children)	
Homemaker	0	Number of Clients	4
		Clinic Visits	39
Total Visits	1,406	Orange County Family Child Center	
Hospice		Families served	2
Patient Families served	3	Children served	4
Maternal Child Health Program			
Children	1		

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA
 President and CEO

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, nonprofit agency.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2003 – 2004:

Services Provided:	# of HH	Dollar Amount
Fuel Assistance	21	\$14,941
State-wide Electrical Assistance Program	36	\$17,449
Food Pantry (42 people receiving 3 days worth of food)	17	\$630
Referrals (i.e., Health, Budgeting, Legal Aid, clothing . . .)	58	

Through the efforts of Tri-County Community Action, the citizens of Orford have received a total of \$33,020 in assistance between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities.

We sincerely appreciate the Town of Orford's past support and look forward to our continuing partnership to provide essential services to your residents.

Very truly yours,

Dan McGregor
Woodsville Community Contact Manager

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well-being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, adult in-home care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2004, 65 older residents of Orford were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Orford, Horse Meadow and Upper Valley Senior Centers:

- Older adults from Orford enjoyed 592 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 2,776 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Frail residents of Orford benefited from our new adult in-home care program, providing 831.5 hours of companionship and assistance.
- Orford residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 16 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 16 visits by a social worker or contacts with ServiceLink.
- Orford's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,270.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Orford residents in 2004 was \$37,215.10.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Orford's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner
Executive Director

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th years as one of your public servants here in District One.

The Executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch, there will be many boards and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index or call my office.

My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free are the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council. Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

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RIVENDELL CONSERVATION EASEMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

[In 1999, as part of a larger purchase of land by the Rivendell School District, an agreement was reached to conserve the 8-acre open field and hedgerow to the north of the existing school property in Orford, together with an adjacent 5-acre wooded hillside, by granting a conservation easement to the Upper Valley Land Trust. This land will remain permanently undeveloped, thereby helping to ensure the area's rural appearance by protecting scenic views and maintaining a buffer between the conserved land and nonhistoric buildings on the school campus. At the same time, Rivendell, as the property owner, retained valuable rights for certain underground, out-of-sight uses for part of the open field, as well as for educational use of the wooded hillside.]

In 2004, the Management Committee consisted of three members appointed by the Rivendell School Board (Ruth Cserr, Mel Emerson, and Bruce Schwaegler) and two members appointed by the Orford Board of Selectmen (Ann Green, serving as Committee Chair, and Carl Schmidt). George Smith, Rivendell's Director of Operations, served as an ex officio member. Noelle Vitt, Rivendell's Head of Schools, also played an important part in the Committee's work.

The Management Committee's primary activity during the year was to assist the Rivendell School District in working out a new plan for farming the easement's open field. When the previous arrangement ended in December 2003, the availability of the farmland was advertised in New Hampshire and Vermont, and the Committee then met with interested farmers to review their proposals. In late April, an agreement was reached with River Valley Farm of Orford to lease the farmland for a minimum of three years for the production of agricultural crops, such as sweet corn, squash, pumpkins, and hay. In addition, Rivendell undertook to plant and grow wildflowers over the leach field in the middle terrace of the field. Work was begun to initiate this project during the late summer and is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2005. With the involvement and help of students and community members, the wildflowers are to be grown as a crop. Volunteer participants in the project will be welcomed.

It should be noted that specific goals and objectives for maintaining the 13 acres of conserved land are set forth in a Five Year Management Plan, which was developed by the Committee and approved by the Upper Valley Land Trust in 2003. It addresses the forested area at the east end of the easement, the wooded hedgerows along the edges of the open field, and the eight acres of open fields. The Plan provides that the fields are to be maintained for traditional agricultural uses and sets out as a long-term goal the use of organic farming methods. It is intended that Rivendell students and faculty will become further involved in the management of this community resource to foster learning and promote understanding and appreciation of land conservation for the public benefit.

Ann Green, Committee Chair

Ruth Cserr
Mel Emerson
Carl Schmidt
Bruce Schwaegler
George Smith, Ex Officio

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In FY 2004, West Central Behavioral Health provided residents of Orford with \$3,848 of free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services for which we received \$1,050 reimbursement. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service area, and are asking the cities and towns we serve to help us sustain that commitment to many of our most vulnerable neighbors.

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Orford, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton Counties. Our mission is: "to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services." Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction; as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing, but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, jails, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultations.

Some of the services provided to residents of Orford this year include:

- 2 children and their families received 7 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics in Lebanon, Claremont, and Newport.
- 6 adult residents received 18 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues, and other critical issues.
- 1 resident contacted our Emergency Services, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- 6 residents received 101 sessions of other services such as case management, and participation in our Academy Programs for people who have committed substance abuse related offenses.

We hope you will help us provide quality mental health care to all who need it.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Michaud
Director of Community Relations and Development

VITAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN OF ORFORD
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

MARRIAGES

Date	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Place of Marriage
2/14/2004	Gray, Steve	Rowley, MA	Stebbins, Jennifer	Rowley, MA	Orford, NH
3/01/2004	Rippe, Daniel F.	Orford, NH	Sorion, Marie-Douce M.	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
4/14/2004	Canterbury, David Shawn	Warren, NH	Chase, Andrea Violet	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
5/22/2004	Sewell, Micah Alexander	Raleigh, NC	Berwick, Bethany Laurel	Orford, NH	Bradford, VT
5/29/2004	Piacentini, Jr., Robert George	Haddam, CT	Mack, Karen Elizabeth	Haddam, CT	Orford, NH
7/02/2004	Landgraf, Gregory Wayne	Orford, NH	Erastova, Natalia	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
8/21/2004	Rogers, Benjamin Andrew	Orford, NH	Dodge, Emily Elizabeth	Orford, NH	Cornish, NH
8/28/2004	Jones, Alden Emery	Hanover, NH	Buker, Sarah Joanne	Hanover, NH	Lyme, NH
9/04/2004	Crowe, Ty Jayson	Orford, NH	Merrill, Ashley Lynn	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
9/04/2004	Schwarz, Randy Allen	Orford, NH	Bechard, Prudence Louise	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
9/25/2004	Fahey, Clifford E.	Orford, NH	Shepard, Amy J.	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
10/09/2004	McKee, Henry Arthur	Orford, NH	Gardyne, Heidi Leigh	Orford, NH	Orford, NH
10/23/2004	Semen, Peter Michael	E. Thetford, VT	Cook, Jessica Leah	E. Thetford, VT	Sugar Hill, NH
11/20/2004	Dunbar, Christopher White	E. Thetford, VT	Goodrich, Brandy Lynn	E. Thetford, VT	Orford, NH
12/24/2004	Kidder, II, Fred Albion	Orford, NH	Bettis, Rachel Lee	Orford, NH	Orford, NH

BIRTHS

Date	Child's Name	Father and Mother	Place of Birth
01/13/2004	<i>Gilbert, Jameson Michael</i>	Gilbert, Michael Gilbert, Ellen	Lebanon, NH
01/15/2004	<i>McDonald, Abbey Lyn</i>	McDonald, D. Jeremy Hill, Bethany	Lebanon, NH
02/04/2004	<i>Pierce, Christopher James</i>	Pierce, Charles Brooks, Sharon	Lebanon, NH
03/26/2004	<i>Waterman, Katherine Dawn</i>	Waterman, Keith Waterman, Emily	Lebanon, NH

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Date	Child's Name	Father and Mother	Place of Birth
03/28/2004	<i>Dorion-Rippe, Ozyen Moss</i>	Rippe, Daniel Dorion, Marie	Orford, NH
04/06/2004	<i>Carter, Kyle Lawrence</i>	Carter, Seth Carter, Kelly	Lebanon, NH
04/13/2004	<i>Taylor, Abigail Leighann Marie</i>	Taylor, Timothy Taylor, Jennifer	Lebanon, NH
04/19/2004	<i>Evans, Lexaphina Angleis</i>	Evans, James Evans, Lindsey	Lebanon, NH
04/30/2004	<i>Crowe, Faith Jozlynn</i>	Crowe, Ty Merrill, Ashley	Lebanon, NH
05/16/2004	<i>Hendrick, Dylan Alexander</i>	Hendrick, Richard Hendrick, Delia	Lebanon, NH
05/17/2004	<i>Wilson, Willow Amla</i>	Wilson, William Wilson, Shannon	Lebanon, NH
05/20/2004	<i>Burwell, Oonagh Parlin</i>	Burwell, Christopher Burwell, Tabatha	Lebanon, NH
07/12/2004	<i>Taylor, Vronyka Ryly</i>	Taylor, Elmer Taylor, Penny	Lebanon, NH
07/26/2004	<i>Hebb, Anna Pierce</i>	Hebb, Timothy Hebb, Tina	Lebanon, NH
08/27/2004	<i>Taylor, Kylie Ruth</i>	Taylor, Rodney Hebb, Jennifer	Lebanon, NH
08/30/2004	<i>Gray, Savannah Olive</i>	Gray, Leonard Gray, Ericka	Lebanon, NH
09/16/2004	<i>Ray, Ean McKinley</i>	Ray, Ryan Ray, Kelly	Lebanon, NH
10/08/2004	<i>Ricker, Angela Francis</i>	Ricker, David Ricker, Melinda	Orford, NH

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Date	Child's Name	Father and Mother	Place of Birth
11/05/2004	<i>MacQueen, Maren Day</i>	MacQueen, Jeffery Bruno, Tammy Louise	Lebanon, NH
11/05/2004	<i>Winchester, Ava Isabelle</i>	Winchester, Edward Winchester, Allison	Lebanon, NH
11/12/2004	<i>Tullar, Sophie Garland</i>	Tullar, Nathan Cahill, Carole Ann	Lebanon, NH
12/16/2004	<i>Canterbury, Samuel David</i>	Canterbury, David Shawn Chase, Andrea Violet	Lebanon, NH

DEATHS

Date	Name of Deceased	Father	Mother	Place of Death
01/02/2004	Miller, Martha	True, Henry	Briggs, Inez	Hanover, NH
03/26/2004	Bean, Ruth			Lebanon, NH
04/01/2004	Sunderhauf, Milo	Sunderhauf, Gunther	Coburn, Mildred	Lanham, MD
05/31/2004	Wilson, Alfred E.	Wilson, George A.	Machacek, Marie T.	White River Jct., VT
06/07/2004	Thomas, May	Falzone, Michele	Castiglione, Nicolina	Haverhill, MA
07/06/2004	Dionne, Jeanette H.			St. Petersburg, FL
07/09/2004	Hummel, Jr., Roland	Hummel, Roland	Von Oisin, Adelel	Lebanon, NH
07/21/2004	Blake, Flora S.	Sanborn, Harry	Sanborn, Lulu	Orford, NH
08/04/2004	Parkington, Dorothy M.	Crofts, William	Gade, Lenore	Lebanon, NH
08/28/2004	Cummings, Clyde A.	Cummings, Clyde A.	Tallmann, Rosie	Piermont, NH
09/15/2004	Baker, Ronald R.	Baker, Maurice	Streeter, Hattie S.	Lyme, NH
09/18/2004	Flagg, Hazel	Bulley, Henry	Johnson, Alice	Woodsville, NH
09/25/2004	Lawrence, Bessie I.	Cunningham, James	Kidney, Ida	Woodsville, NH
10/02/2004	Hebb, Guy A.	Hebb, Garnet	Holland, Edna	Orford, NH
10/07/2004	Davis, Robert C.	Davis, Welcome	Jones, Sarah	Ware, MA
10/16/2004	Masters, Wesley Gordon	Masters, Weldon Irving	Foster, Florence E.	W. Roxbury, MA
10/21/2004	Farmer, Edith	Sevasin, George	Oates, Esther	Orford, NH
11/13/2004	Allen, Bertram F.	Allen, Bertram F.	Brickett, Anna	Haverhill, NH
12/30/2004	Beane, Arlene E.	Barnes, John	Barnes, Saddle	Lebanon, NH

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